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'Wasted time means higher costs'

Taylor orders lawyers to cut the waffle

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

LONG-WINDED lawyers must curb their verbosity and meet tight trial timetables, or pay the cost of delays, under an initiative launched by the Lord Chief Justice yesterday to shorten civil cases.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth outlined a series of measures signalling the end of the current system in which the pace of civil justice is dictated by lawyers while indulgent judges take a back seat. Instead judges have been told to take tight control of the length of trials, set timetables for proceedings and fix limits on lawyers' speeches and the use of cross-examination.

"Time is money, and wasted time in court means higher charges for litigants and for the taxpayer," Lord Taylor said. "It also means that everyone else in the queue has to wait longer for justice."

Much less time will be spent in oral advocacy and cross-examination, with more emphasis on written argument. "What we are trying to do is to change the whole culture which applies in civil litigation — the whole ethos of it," Lord Taylor said. The Bar Council and the Law Society gave a broad welcome to the proposals.

Lord Taylor said that judges had to be more interventionist, becoming trial managers and ensuring that they had a bigger say in how cases were run. If solicitors and barristers failed to comply with court deadlines, the judge could issue appropriate orders for costs against the side that had dragged its feet.

Lawyers would not be allowed to charge clients for work that had wasted the court's time. In cases of gross inefficiency, individual lawyers might be made personally liable for costs. "In recent years we have been too ready to allow those litigating to dictate the pace at which cases proceed and the number of steps taken to get to trial or final outcome, the settlement."

Taylor: trying to change culture of civil courts

Lord Taylor said that many current judges had suffered as junior barristers from the tyranny of severe judges in the 1950s and 1960s and did not want to be as "nasty to people as those judges were to them". But instead they had become too indulgent, allowing lawyers to go on as long as they liked. "They have got to be much more taut and selective of the amount of material we allow into court and the time for playing about with it."

He hoped that the new policy would result in a more "hands-on" approach by judges and a more business-like approach to litigation by solicitors and the Bar in the conduct of the trial and in the run-up to the trial.

The changes, which stem from recommendations in 1993 of a joint committee of the Bar and Law Society under Hilary Heilbron, QC, have been approved by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and by Lord Woolf, who is heading a two-year review of civil court rules and procedures. The main features are:

☐ Judicial control over cases at each stage leading up to and including the trial;
☐ To cut the length of advocates' opening and closing speeches, cross-examinations and reading from law books;
☐ Witnesses in most cases to give their main evidence as written statements, not orally, under cross-examination;
☐ Pre-trial hearings in bigger cases to last more than ten days, with outline arguments to be submitted in advance;
☐ Strict requirements on each side to get documents to court on time.

The parties to a case also have to try to agree the main issues in advance, and will be under a duty to reduce or eliminate issues requiring expert evidence. Lawyers have been warned that when documents were copied unnecessarily or bound incompetently, the cost will be disallowed.

The direction applies to all cases in the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions. Similar directions are to be issued in the Family Division and in the Court of Appeal.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, chairman of the Bar Council, broadly welcomed the proposals. "No barrister wants to be part of a profession which is, rightly or wrongly, regarded as owing more to the spirit of Dickens than to the Britain of the 1990s," he said.

He added, however, that oral advocacy would continue to play "a vital role" in communicating the litigant's case. "We would be concerned if the new measures prevented a party from having a proper opportunity for putting forward his case."

The Law Society said it welcomed any improvements that would reduce cost and delays in civil litigation "provided justice is not sacrificed". Phillip Sycamore, chairman of the society's civil litigation committee, said that more judges and court staff might be needed to make the changes work.

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RICK MEYER/REUTER

O.J. Simpson with his lawyer Robert Shapiro, prepare for the 'fight of their lives'

Simpson 'killed for control'

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

O.J. SIMPSON killed his ex-wife as the "ultimate act of control" after a 17-year relationship marked by a horrific cycle of abuse, humiliation and apology, the prosecution argued yesterday.

In his opening statement, Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden told the jury, and a global audience of millions, that Mr Simpson murdered Nicole Brown Simpson last year "for a single reason — a reason almost as old as mankind himself. He killed her out of jealousy."

"He killed her because he couldn't have her," Mr Darden continued, "and if he couldn't have her he didn't want anyone else to have her."

As expected, the prosecution launched their bid to convict Mr Simpson of the murders of his ex-wife and her friend, Ronald Goldman, with a reminder of the defendant's record of violence. Early in his long statement Mr Darden tackled head-on the issue of Mr Simpson's popularity as a former footballer and actor. "He maybe the best running back in the history of the National Football League," he said. "But it's not the actor who is on trial here today."

Nicole Brown: "abused and humiliated"

Mr Darden claimed that Mr Simpson had a sinister private face. "And that's the face we will expose to you," he told he jury, "the one Nicole Brown encountered almost every day of her adult life, and the last day of her adult life."

This was "the face of a batterer, a wife-beater, an abuser, a controller".

Earlier Judge Lance Ito denied a request by Mr Simpson's lawyers to let him address the jury in person as part of the defence's presentation. The judge also denied a request to use a video montage of police collecting evidence at the scene of the killings. Nevertheless, Johnnie Cochran, for the defence, warned prosecutors that they face "the fight of their lives".

Jailed para case forces Howard to review the law on murder

By Nicholas Wood, Michael Evans and Nicholas Watt

MICHAEL HOWARD announced last night that he was reviewing the law on murder as pressure continued for the early release of Private Lee Clegg, the paratrooper jailed for life for killing a joyrider in Belfast in 1990.

The Home Secretary will study the scope for changing the law to enable soldiers and police officers to be charged with manslaughter where they are suspected of using excessive force in carrying out their duties.

John Major also promised the Commons a full review of Clegg's case if there was fresh evidence that cast doubt on his conviction.

Ministers will also study the legal options that could lead to an early release for 26-year-old Clegg, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Karen Reilly, 18, a passenger in a car that came under fire from an Army checkpoint.

Mr Major told the Commons that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, would undertake "effectively and with due care" the process by which convicted murderers could be released on licence.

He said: "As for all life-sentence prisoners, there is a process to be gone through before a release date can be set. This will include consultations with the trial judge and with the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland [Sir Brian Hutton], and will take into account the nature of the offence."

The Prime Minister was responding at Question Time to Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, who said Clegg's life sentence was "shamefully inappropriate", adding: "This is the moment for him to be released under licence and the law changed."

Mr Howard's decision to review the law of murder followed comments by the law lords who rejected Clegg's appeal last week. They said it would have been fairer if the paratrooper had been found guilty of manslaughter.

Unlike murder, manslaughter does not carry a mandatory life sentence and gives a judge discretion in sentencing. A growing number of Tory MPs and ministers believe that had Clegg been convicted of manslaughter the furore would not have arisen.

Those campaigning for Clegg's release expressed disappointment last night that the Prime Minister's statement offered no hope that the paratrooper would be freed immediately.

Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden said: "We want him out of prison this week. If we have to produce our new evidence, it could take months before any decision is taken."

Joining the increasing number of influential figures supporting Clegg's case, General Sir John Wilsey, who was General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland from 1990 to 1993 when the incident took place, said he was "extremely sympathetic".

Karen Reilly's family said yesterday they were sickened by the campaign. Her mother, Mary, who lives on the nationalist Twinbrook estate in West Belfast, said: "It is all very one-sided and Karen's forgotten. We are just sick, and don't want any more of it. No matter what happens, nothing will bring Karen back."

Mickey Ferguson, a Sinn Fein councillor in Twinbrook, said: "People will see that there is one law for the British establishment, one law for British soldiers, one law for the British Government, and another for Irish people, Irish victims and Irish prisoners."

Trevor wins a Whitbread prize treble

The £21,000 Whitbread book of the year award was won last night by the Irish novelist William Trevor, whose *Felicia's Journey*, published by Viking, was selected from five short-listed candidates whittled down from 394 entries.

Trevor, 66, born in Mitchelstown, Co Cork, has had two previous Whitbread successes with *The Children of Dynmouth* (1976) and *Fools of Fortune* (1983).

Sunday curbs to be eased on pubs and off-licences

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR opened the door yesterday to all-day Sunday drinking and an end to most restrictions on when off-licences and supermarkets can sell alcohol.

In a sweeping relaxation of "patronising" Sunday licensing hours, the Prime Minister said the Government would scrap the afternoon break which forces pubs to close between 3pm and 7pm. Soon they will be able to stay open from noon to 10.30pm on Sundays.

Off-licences will be able to trade from 10am to 10.30pm, and supermarkets will be allowed to sell liquor throughout the six hours they can open. Mr Major unveiled the latest liberalisation of licensing hours in a speech to shopkeepers as he emphasised his determination to press ahead with the assault on red tape.

He also announced an end to 55 other petty restrictions covering areas such as car parking, greyhound betting and charities, and said that the Deregulation Act gave ministers new and quicker ways to cut red tape without having to resort to full-scale legislation.

The relaxation of curbs on Sunday drinking follows the 1988 change in the law that allowed all-day drinking on other days, and the decision last year to allow family groups containing children aged under 14 to enter pubs. The Home Office will introduce a short Bill before the summer to relax the licensing laws, and ministers expect no serious parliamentary opposition.

Addressing the British Retail Consortium at the Intercontinental Hotel in London, Mr Major said that present laws on Sunday drinking were absurd. "Why can people buy liquor in a shop at noon but not at 11.30 am, or in a pub at 3 o'clock in the afternoon but not at 4 o'clock? Now we have Sunday trading, there is no logic in these regulations. They are old-fashioned, out of date...and they should go."

Wilson in hospital after fall at home

By Jonathan Prynn, political reporter

HAROLD WILSON, the former Labour Prime Minister, was being detained in hospital last night after a fall at his Westminster home.

Lord Wilson, 78, was admitted to St Thomas's Hospital in central London on Friday. A hospital spokesman said he was concious and being kept in for observation. Family members, including his wife Mary, visited him.

Although Lord Wilson's condition was described as satisfactory, he has been in poor health since shortly after he resigned as Prime Minister in 1976. He was twice admitted to hospital last year, but made a full recovery.

Lord Wilson is the last Labour leader to have won a general election. He was victorious four times between 1964 and 1974, and his sudden decision to step down in favour of James, now Lord, Callaghan, stunned the political world.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1945, representing Ormskirk. He became a minister in the Ministry of Works and in 1947, aged 31, became the youngest member of Attlee's Cabinet as President of the Board of Trade.

In 1950 he became MP for Huyton, a seat he held until his resignation from the Commons in 1983. His finest hour came in 1964, when he ended 13 years of Tory rule by becoming the youngest Prime Minister since Lord Rosebery.

Hindley to be hypnotised in search for body

By Kate Alderson

MYRA HINDLEY, the Moors murderer, is to be hypnotised in an attempt to find the body of one of her victims, who was killed 31 years ago.

The Home Office announced the decision yesterday after an hour-long meeting between Michael Forsyth, the Prisons Minister, and Winnie Johnson, the mother of Keith Bennett, who was 12 when he disappeared.

The Government's agreement that Hindley, 52, can be hypnotised marks a big policy U-turn. Mrs Johnson has petitioned successive Home Secretaries to agree to the move for years, but all requests were rejected.

In 1987 Hindley told Peter Topping, then head of Manchester CID, that she and Ian Brady had killed Keith Bennett and Pauline Reade. Brady was convicted in 1966 of the murders of Lesley Anne Downey, aged 10, Edward Evans, 17, and John Kilbride, 12. Hindley, who has agreed to the hypnosis, was sentenced to life for the murders of Lesley Anne and Edward.

Keith Bennett, from Fallowfield, Manchester, went missing in June 1964. After Hindley disclosed that he was one of her victims, Mrs Johnson and two of her sons spent every other Sunday searching Saddleworth Moor, near Oldham, for his body. Her sons continue the search, although she no longer accompanies them.

Yesterday's meeting at the Home Office was the first time Mrs Johnson had been asked to meet a government official. She was given no indication before the meeting that the Home Secretary would agree to her request for Hindley to undergo hypnosis. Mr Forsyth's office simply told her: "It is to your advantage to come to this meeting." Shortly before Christmas she received a letter which said that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, would reconsider her request for Hindley to undergo hypnosis.

Mrs Johnson, 61, said: "Burying my child would be the beginning of the end for me. It's all I want in the world. Nothing in life will really mean anything to me until I bury Keith in a Christian grave. My family and supporters have kept me going, but there's not a day when I don't wonder where Keith's body is."

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Lions plot ritual skinning of fat cat

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POLITICAL SKETCH

AGOG with indignation that kids might play truant, Eric Forth, an education minister, told shocked MPs yesterday that "truancy can lead to crime, *or worse*".

What would be worse? A glance at Mr Forth's tie suggested one atrocity too heinous to be excused by the name "criminal". But we British know another. What could be more sinful than being *paid more than us?*

"This," whispered an MP excitedly to me, "is the British equivalent of the OJ Simpson trial." We were gathered in *committee room 15 to hear the* Select Committee on Employment interrogate the chief executive of British Gas, Cedric Harold Brown ('CH' to *his admirers). By some logic* that nobody quite explains, we have got it into our heads that this man's remuneration (rather than that of any other fat cat you care to mention) is a matter of public concern.

As in all media trials, pre-event publicity had been skilfully engineered. The PM and the Labour leader had clashed on CH earlier, Tony *Blair calling it "the boardroom* equivalent of the national lottery", Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport West) "an orgy of greed" and John Major *retaliating with a new "Labour* Will Dock Your Pay" scare.

Appetites whetted, press and public crowded around *the entrance to stadium 15.* The parliamentary lions were within, plotting tactics. Their victim waited without. The call came. The door opened. CH was hustled through our ranks towards it. We could see it was him because they had forgotten to put a blanket over his head. A dreadful hush fell upon the mob, as though Mephistopheles were passing *among them. CH looked composed*, as might one so villainous that he lacked any sense even of his own sin. The mob rushed in, vying for front seats.

MPs took it in turn to administer the lash. Each had his or her own style. Harry Greenway (Con, Ealing *North) adopted a Del-boy* approach, asking CH if he would have resigned if his salary had been cut "by £5,000?". Maybe not. "By £10,000, then? Or by how much? How much?"

The small but dangerous Angela Eagle (Lab, Wallasey) led with a innocent — "how old are you?" — but finished by accusing him of plundering the pensions of his impoverished employees.

The large but amiable David Nicholson (Con, Taunton) was merciful, merely accusing CH of imperilling the free *market by giving ammunition* to the socialists. David Young (Lab, Bolton SE) told CH his defence that the shareholders decide was a sham. Sir Ralph *Howell MP (Con, Norfolk* North) rode to Brown's assistance. This is bad news for a chap in trouble. Warren Hawksley (Con, Halesowen & *Stourbridge) questioned his* competence and Ernie Ross (Lab, Dundee West) questioned his virtue.

It is therefore not surprising that poor Brown finally stumbled. Roused to defend himself, he protested that he'd worked 40 years for British Gas in every kind of job. "I've wielded a pick and shovel." He was proud to say that in this company it was still possible for a fellow "to go from the top to the bottom!"

"Don't you mean the other way round?" muttered MPs. Maybe he did, stammered *Brown. Or maybe he didn't,* he added, seized by candour.

Greville Janner, the committee's Labour chairman, put it to him, Perry Mason-*style, that he should learn to* handle things differently. Mr Janner, author of *The Complete Speechmaker*, founded a company called EPS (*Effective Presentational Skills*) and has lectured on pay and presentation. Alas, Mr Brown was busy with his pick and shovel at the time.

Question: 'Would you take £10,000 less?' Answer: 'I would stand fast'

Gas chief admits company bodged announcement of pay award

By Arthur Leathley and Philip Bassett

CEDRIC BROWN admitted last night that British Gas was tactless and insensitive in awarding him a £475,000 salary while the company studied plans to cut 25,000 jobs.

The British Gas chief executive, whose 75 per cent salary rise provoked a political furore, said that the company had made a grave mistake in the way it handled his pay increase but insisted the award was justified. Mr Brown faced hostile questioning from MPs as the simmering controversy over boardroom pay and perks boiled over in the Commons with fierce clashes between John Major and Tony Blair.

Mr Blair accused executives of privatised utilities of treating pay awards as a form of national lottery, "hitting the jackpot week after week after week at the public's expense". Mr Major fought back by claiming that Labour's plans *to regulate directors' pay* indicated that the party was in favour of a pay policy.

Mr Brown attempted to defuse the dispute over his *salary by pledging that* British Gas directors' salaries would be disclosed more openly in future. Under interrogation by the Commons Employment Select *Committee, he said he* had been surprised by public indignation over his pay rise. "With the benefit of hindsight, as soon as we had taken the *decision, I think we should* have announced it, what the changes were, and why."

He admitted that the increase would lead to a £180,000 annual pension increase, costing British Gas an additional £750,000. Asked by Greville Janner, the commit-

Janner: questioned size of pay rise

tee's Labour chairman, whether the increase was "insensitive, tactless and a grave mistake", Mr Brown replied: "Yes."

But Mr Brown, 59, vigorously defended his pay and told the MPs he had worked *his way up at British Gas in a* career spanning 40 years. "I started at the bottom. I wielded a pick and shovel and when the board came along three years ago and said they wanted me to be chief executive I was delighted to accept."

The pay package was "right for the company". Mr Brown said. "*I am trying to move this* company into the 21st century as a fully competitive company. For Britain to create a society where someone in the *seventh-biggest company can* go from the bottom to the top is something which should be encouraged."

A chief executive working *for an American gas company* in competition with British Gas earned ten times his salary. He insisted the increase in his salary had been 28 per cent, not 75 per cent, and told MPs his pay had been pitched at the "median level" compared with a number of other companies. "Notwithstanding running the seventh-largest company in the country, to my knowledge there are at least about 50 or more chief executives earning more than that."

In a packed Commons committee room, Mr Brown, sitting alone in front of the MPs, was asked by Harry Greenway (Con, Ealing North) if he would accept a £5,000 pay cut if asked by his company's remuneration committee. Mr Brown: "I would have a discussion with them but at the end of the day, I would accept it."

Mr Greenway: "Would you do the job for £10,000 less?"

Mr Brown said he would "stand fast" and argue with the remuneration committee if this was suggested. He told the MPs his job had become more stressful since he was *appointed in 1992 as British* Gas faced increased competition and underwent a huge restructuring programme.

Asked about the plan to cut *the pay of shop staff, he said* he hoped they could earn more money through commission and that no-one would have to take a pay cut.

Ken Eastham (Lab, Manchester Blackley), said he could not understand how privatising the utilities had led to executives' pay jumping *from £45,000 to almost* £500,000. "It's not pennies from heaven — it's golden nuggets from heaven."

Mr Brown welcomed new guidelines announced by *the* Institute of Directors, who pressed shareholders to exert greater influence in restraining *directors' pay. The institute*, which has 33,000 individual company directors as members, called for full disclosure of the remuneration *package of every director in a* company's annual report. The report should include details of salary, bonus payments, pension arrangements and *other benefits such as cars.* Every director's shareholding should also be listed and contracts should be for a maximum of two years.

The institute's leaders say that remuneration committees should not "shy away" from cutting pay if necessary, though they accept that a *poorly performing director is* more likely to be removed before their pay is cut.

However, Tim Melville-*Ross, the institute's director-*general, accepted that even if a company fully adopted the proposals, they would not prevent it awarding a 75 per *cent rise to a director. However*, he said: "We hope companies will take this framework on board because it meets many of the concerns *that have cropped up over the* last few months."

Trade unions said that the proposals did not go far enough.

The Commons dispute erupted as Labour stepped up its campaign over pay increases in the privatised utilities by pointing to salary rises *of 700 per cent for directors of* the electricity generating companies. Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor, stepped up the *pressure for action by releasing* figures for boardroom pay rises across the former nationalised industries since privatisation.

Labour's figures showed that Edmund Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, received more than £1.2 million last year, made up of £400,000 *in pay and remuneration and* an extra £876,000 from executive share options. John Baker, chief executive of National Power, collected more than *£1.1 million including* £437,000 in pay and remuneration and £713,000 from executive share options. Labour said the two men stood to *make another £1 million next* year.

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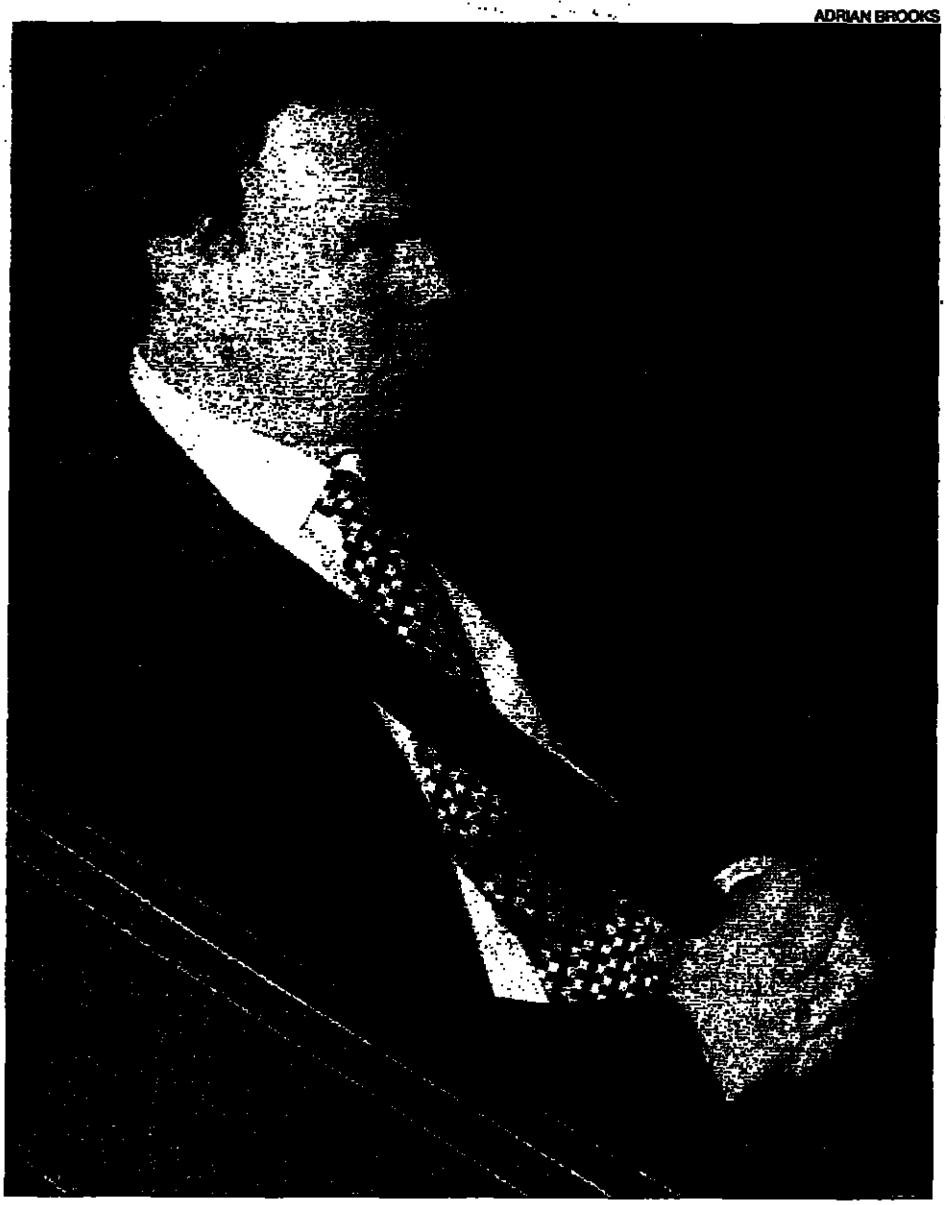


Cedric Brown leaving the Commons last night after his remuneration package was challenged by members of the Select Committee on Employment

NEWS IN BRIEF

Labour wants power returned to councils

Labour would hand more powers back to local authorities, make it easier to vote, use cash from the sale of council houses and allow councils to sell goods and services to the public, according to a consultation paper published today.

Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, said that, under the party's planned reform of local government, the aim was to hold annual elections to all councils for a third or a quarter of all seats and to increase the turnout *from the present 30 per cent through a national* registration drive. The paper suggests that the Government should be allowed to use takings from the sale of council houses to fund a new housing programme.

Police cuts predicted

Police forces will not have enough money to maintain services next year, according to the Association of Chief *Police Officers. Under the new government funding* formula, manpower shortages of at least 1,700 officers would lead to street patrols being cut back. Of the 43 forces in England and Wales, four would be able to improve services while 22 would be worse off.

Fight for calves 'goes on'

Animal welfare campaigners vowed yesterday to continue *their protests against the export of veal calves despite* government claims to have won broad support in Europe for more humane rearing methods. Jerry Lloyd, of the RSPCA, said: "We are still left with the live transport problem. The only answer is an eight-hour limit on livestock journeys *and a carcass-only meat trade.*"

Graduates in debt

Eight out of ten graduates start work owing an average of more than £2,200, with males owing £600 more than women, according to a survey commissioned by Barclays Bank. More than half of the 886 graduates surveyed after gaining a degree last summer had not found the job they wanted, with many taking "stop-gap" positions to help to pay off debts. One in five was unemployed.

Palace suicide threat

Two policemen overpowered a man doused in petrol outside Buckingham Palace as he threatened to set himself on fire early yesterday. The 49-year-old was grabbed by PC Trevor Vince and PC Malcolm Fielder as he waved a cigarette lighter above his head. The man, who has not been named, was detained for questioning under the Mental Health Act but later released.

Murder motives sought

Police are trying to discover the motives behind the murders of a car salesman and his employer. Paul Sandham, 29, and Antonio Marrocco, 48, who was born in Italy, were attacked at Mr Marrocco's garage on an industrial estate at Morecambe, Lancashire, on Monday evening. Police said they were "respectable men".

Cash plea for sick boy

Julie and Daniel Wydermann, of Ealing, west London, whose son Joshua, 18 months, has Menkes' syndrome, a progressive blood condition, are appealing for public help to raise money for specialist treatment. They want to bring Professor John Menkes, the doctor who discovered the condition in 1962, from California to advise them.

Bypass damages award

Jacqueline Harris, 52, of Hallington, Lincolnshire, who bought a cottage from a councillor who knew of plans to *build a bypass near by, was yesterday awarded* £63,516 damages by Lincoln High Court against Marshall Dale, his wife Jeanette, a family pension fund, East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council.

Road plan delayed

Anti-roads protesters yesterday delayed plans for the M65 extension, which would destroy the ancient Stanworth *Woods in Lancashire, when they realised that a High Court* order had granted the Department of Transport possession although part of the land was leased. Officials will seek a revised order, which will take several weeks.

Player laid out cold

A rugby player suffered hypothermia after being trapped under an injured opponent in freezing mud for nearly an *hour. Ewan Cameron, 24, a medical student playing for* Camdridge 2nds, was unable to move while waiting for an ambulance in case he caused more damage to Paul Abbs, playing for Sawston, who had damaged his spine.

Tory party chief loses libel battle against newspaper

By A Staff Reporter

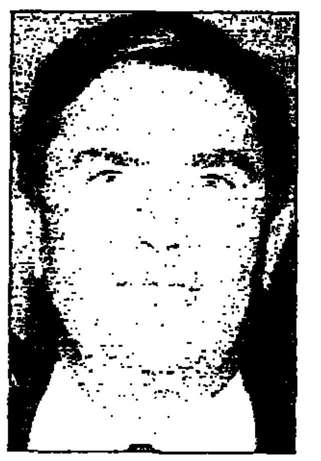
THE Conservative Party director-general Paul Judge lost a High Court claim yesterday that he was libelled in a front-page *Guardian* story which suggested Conservative Central Office used "old tricks" to obstruct an inquiry into donations made to party funds by *the fugitive tycoon Asil Nadir.*

A jury of six men and six women took just over four hours to decide by a majority of 10-2 that the September 1993 article *did not libel Mr Judge.* He now faces a bill for legal costs unofficially estimated at £300,000 for the seven-day hearing.

Mr Judge, 45, and his wife Anne Marie, 48, of Elmbridge, Hereford and Worcester, looked stunned as the jury delivered its verdict. He said later: "It is clearly a very disappointing verdict, but I think everything did come out in court which showed we *acted perfectly properly.*

"We are very surprised of course at the verdict but we continue to believe all our relationships with the authorities *have been perfectly* proper."

Campbell Page, *The Guardian's* executive editor, said: "We are obviously delighted that *The Guardian* has been vindicated."



Judge: faces £300,000 bill for week-long case

Mr Judge had sought damages against *The Guardian*, its editor Peter Preston, and journalists Paul Brown and David Pallister. David Eady, QC, for Mr Judge, described *the disputed article* as "a piece of sensational, anti-Conservative scandal-mongering" which had damaged the director-general's character and reputation.

The report suggested that Neil Cooper, head of the insolvency arm of the accountants Robson Rhodes, and the court-appointed joint trustee of Mr Nadir's bankruptcy, was to give Central Office one last opportunity to provide information voluntarily about donations — or face court action — after weeks of prevarication. The story also alleged that solicitors had been been reduced to delivering copies of letters by hand to Mr Judge at *Smith Square with accompanying notes saying:* "We hope this does not get lost between the front office and your desk."

Mr Judge told the jury that *he was "amazed and stupefied"* by the untrue allegations. A father of two boys aged 9 and 10, he said it was "absolutely essential" to clear his name so that when his contract with the Tories came to an end and he returned to the world of business the Nadir story would not come back to haunt him and injure his future career.

☐ Alan Rusbridger, deputy editor of *The Guardian*, is to *succeed Peter Preston as editor.* Mr Rusbridger, 41, who will be only the sixth occupant of the post in 66 years, was chosen by a seven-strong electoral college of journalists and *Guardian* executives. The choice was endorsed by The Scott Trust, which owns the paper.

Emergency patients 'dying because of hospital delays'

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

DELAYS in admitting patients to hospital from accident and emergency departments are costing lives, according to *the first study of emergency* care in Britain.

Nearly half of patients who go into hospital are urgent or emergency cases. Up to five *times as many die* in the hospitals with the worst delays in finding a bed, compared with the best, the study commissioned by the Health *Department* says.

The Clinical Standards Advisory Group calls for national guidelines on emergency care and says that the NHS market is causing hospitals to concentrate on non-urgent work, on which their income depends.

Publication of the report, the fourth *by the group appointed* to advise ministers on quality of care and access to NHS services, was delayed for a year because of its alarming *findings. It was submitted to* the Health Department last January. Last week Virginia Bottomley, Health Secretary, announced a new target under the Patient's Charter to speed up admissions from accident and emergency departments.

The advisory group monitored urgent and emergency admissions over seven days to 38 hospitals in 27 health districts. Of 7,750 patients studied, 462 died. In the worst *hospitals*, two thirds of patients, most of whom were seriously or critically ill, waited more than four hours to be admitted and 85 per cent waited more than two hours; in the best, all patients were admitted within four hours and only 5 per cent waited more than two hours.

The proportion of patients who died within four weeks varied among the hospitals from 2 per cent to 10 per cent. Hospitals in southeast England had the longest delays.

The group says there is widespread feeling that hospitals are not being adequately rewarded for providing emergency care. "A more satisfactory balance should be struck so that hospitals are rewarded rather than penalised for treating emergency patients."

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Old soldier who shot intruder had lost faith in police

By Paul Wilkinson

AN OLD soldier who shot an intruder while standing guard over his allotment went on trial yesterday for attempted murder.

Ben Lyon, 73, once a private in the Leicestershire Regiment, had armed himself with an old shotgun, a home-made rice flail and a Scout knife after deciding he could no longer rely on the police for protection. Vandals and thieves had attacked his allotment. Dressed in a combat jacket he patrolled the plot at Askern, South Yorkshire, and one day last March noticed three men acting suspiciously.

In a confrontation with one of them he fired, hitting the man in the face. The three then fled to a signalbox on a nearby railway line and waited for the police. When they arrived with a full armed response team Mr Lyon surrendered and told them that he was convinced Britain was lawless and "going to the dogs".

Yesterday at Sheffield Crown Court he denied attempting to murder Michael Zivkovic, 29, and an alternative charge of wounding with intent, although he admitted firing the shot.

It is the second case in less than two months of a pensioner appearing in court because he took drastic action to safeguard his property from attack. Last month a judge ordered Ted Newbery, 82, who lives 40 miles away in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, to pay his victim £4,000 compensation after shooting him as he tried to break into the shed where Mr Newbery was lying in wait.

Lyon: allotment was plagued by vandals

After police had arrested Mr Lyon, he complained to Detective Sergeant Paul Hirst that he had reported a number of incidents but that police had done nothing. He said that he wished he had died with his wartime comrades in North Africa. "Then I wouldn't have seen this country in the state it is in today. Those lads died for nothing."

Mr Lyon told the court of his years of being plagued by thieves and vandals on his allotment. Tools worth hundreds of pounds had been stolen from his sheds and he had been threatened after reporting the incidents.

He refused to sit to give his evidence, standing to attention as he spoke. After demob he worked first on the roads and then spent 26 years as a postman in the Doncaster area, where he was known as Ben the Postman, even though his real name was Richard.

On the day of the shooting he had made his regular morning trip by bicycle to the allotment, fed his pigeons and dog, and then took the single-barrel gun from a locked shed and loaded it. The gun, which he had owned since 1945, was licensed. He used it for shooting vermin.

On his rounds he saw Mr Zivkovic by a lorry, which he believed was being used to steal railway lines from an adjacent track. He said: "I put the gun across my chest in case of any trouble. The man ran to the other side of the lorry. I lifted the gun into the normal firing position to follow him round. He stopped and turned and I thought he was going to come round the back of the lorry towards me.

"I fired over the lorry towards him. He fell down and then he jumped up and ran towards the railway." He fired a second shot into the air to attract the attention of the signalman and then raised the alarm.

Asked if he had meant to kill or seriously harm Mr Zivkovic he replied firmly: "No Sir. I am sorry that I had to do it at all. I am sorry I had to use the gun at all." Mr Zivkovic needed hospital treatment, but some of the pellets are still lodged in his body.

The court was told that Mr Lyon's solicitors had been inundated with testimonials to his good character. Mr Lyon said: "The people of Askern said the wrong person was on trial. Some of them said I did not make a good enough job of it and other people said they should have given me a medal for it. But I do regret what I did."

The trial continues.

SIMON WALKER

Paul Esplin, deputy custodian of the theatre, plays the existing Sheldonian organ

Electric organ strikes wrong note for dons

By Ben Preston

OXFORD University is struggling to restore harmony after protests against its decision to install an electronic organ in the historic Sheldonian Theatre.

Peter North, the vice-chancellor, has agreed to rip out the proposed digital organ within five years if campaigners raise the £250,000 needed to find a traditional replacement. The existing 19th century pipe organ is, by common consent, near its last chord.

The commitment is an attempt to pacify 37 organ scholars, players and academics who have signed a petition opposing the decision by the university's ruling body, the Hebdomadal Council. They want Sir Christopher Wren's 17th century building to retain an organ in keeping with its architectural distinction.

The dispute arose after the university accepted a £50,000 donation from Peter Venables, QC — a convert to the charms of the electronic organ after installing one in his London home last year — to buy a modern instrument. The plan is to hide the electronic model's speakers behind the existing organ's pipes.

Jeffrey Hackney, chairman of the curators of the theatre, said the university had also agreed to establish a working party to help the protesters raise funds for a replacement. Mr Hackney maintained that the electronic organ was being maligned: "The problem is that no one has heard an organ of this quality. We are putting in modern speakers. This is not one of those things you have when you are 13. Worcester Cathedral has one but no one complains."

In a letter published in the latest issue of the *Oxford Magazine*, the 37 protesters call on the university to commission a pipe organ to "reflect the finest traditions and disciplines in the construction of musical instruments" to celebrate the millennium. They say: "When world-renowned pianists choose to perform on electronic pianos, that would be the time for us to review our case."

Dr Edward Higginbotham, director of music at New College, Oxford, agreed the pipe organ needed replacing but said the university could easily raise the money to pay for it. He said: "This money is peanuts. It's like going to MFI to get a cheap table rather than to an antique shop."

The Sheldonian is the venue for Oxford's latinate degree ceremonies and Congregation, the university's parliament. President Clinton last summer received an honorary award at the theatre.

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Pools man's relatives discovered in Lithuania

ANDY PALIUNOVAS'S long-lost family in Lithuania wants him back, and says the fact that the 73-year-old has just won more than £2.3 million on the pools has nothing to do with it.

"I don't care about the money. I just want to take him in my arms and hug him," Mr Paliunovas's sister Ona, 67, said after a newspaper traced his family to the Lithuanian hamlet of Radviliskis. Mr Paliunovas, a retired, part-time handyman living in Gloucester, lost touch with his family when the Nazis deported him to a forced labour camp in Germany in 1944.

Last week, after collecting the biggest pools prize ever paid to one person in Britain, he said he didn't know if any of the family he left behind were still alive. Mr Paliunovas's brother and three sisters had thought their elder brother had died half a century ago. "We had not a line from him in 50 years," his brother Makarius said.

Mr Paliunovas, a bachelor, told the *News of the World*: "I thought they were all dead."

Koresh followers believed he slept with 400 virgins

By Kate Alderson

FOLLOWERS of David Koresh, the cult leader, believed he had impregnated 400 virgins, the inquest on the 23 British victims of the siege and fire at his compound in Waco, Texas, was told yesterday. Koresh, 33, claimed he was the "sinful Messiah" and had the right to impregnate young women as part of his religious function, Professor Albert Waite told the hearing in Manchester.

Professor Waite is the principal lecturer at Newbold College, Bracknell, Berkshire, a further education college attended primarily by Seventh Day Adventists. He said he knew three of the Waco victims, two of whom were his former students. He said he heard the claims at a late night meeting of the Branch Davidian cult which he infiltrated near the college.

The second day of the inquest was also told that the disastrous raid on the compound in February 1993, which led to a 51-day siege, was destined to fail. Detective Chief Superintendent Albert Yates, of Greater Manchester Police, said the cult knew about the raid and dozens of warning signs to cancel the operation were ignored.

Senior officers of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms made no contingency plans, ordered no ambulances and failed to set up a proper communications system. Their decoy plan failed and the element of surprise was utterly destroyed. Four bureau agents were killed and 28 injured in the shoot-out; six cult members died and four were injured.

Mr Yates played dramatic audio tape of an emergency call to the local police station. Wayne Martin, a cult member, begged a policeman, who had no detailed knowledge of the raid, to call off the operation. "There are women and children in here. Call it off. Call it off," he shouted. Koresh was then heard asking the police officer: "Why did you guys do this? We told you we wanted to talk."

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Man 'faked death to foil justice'

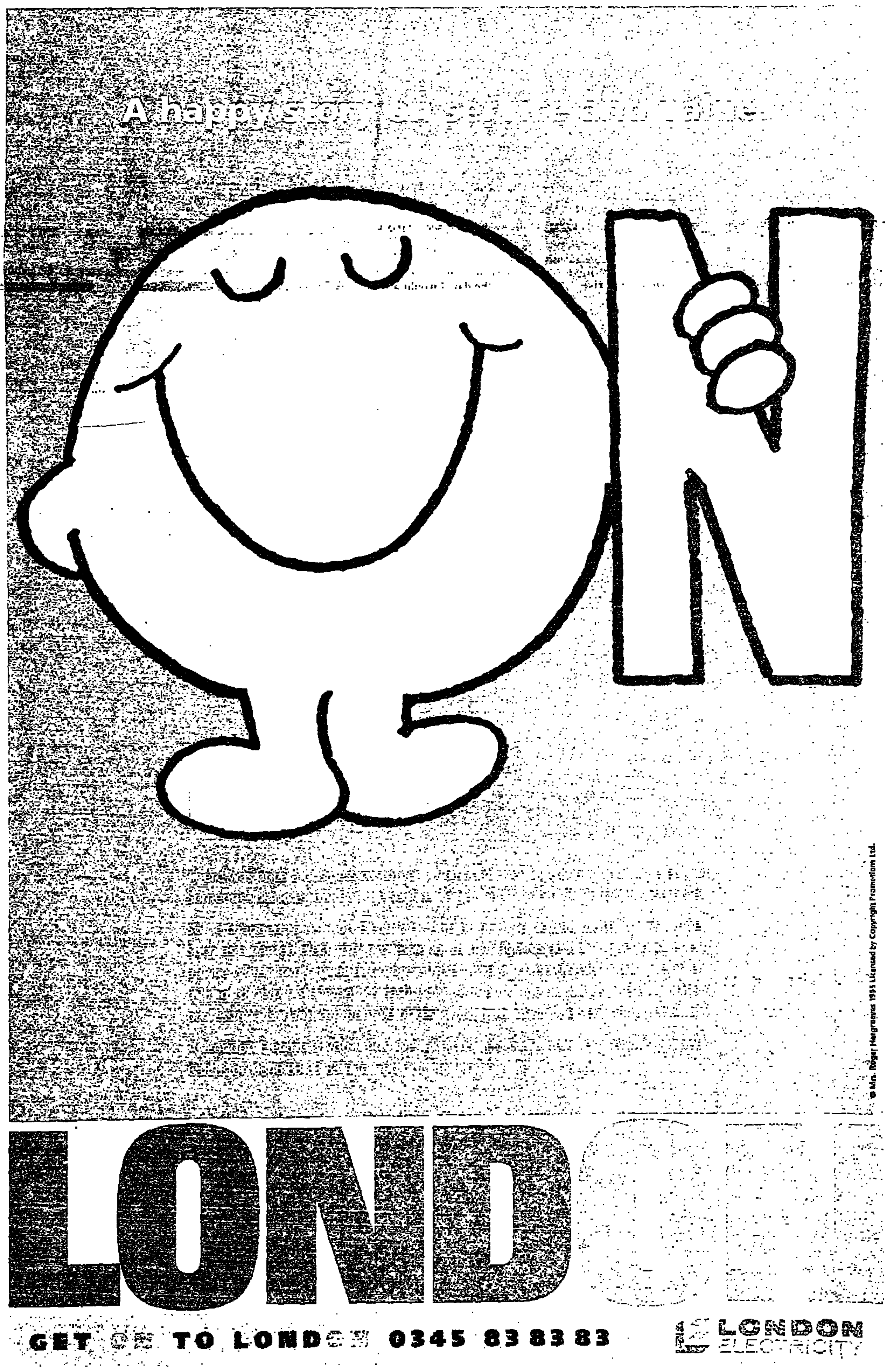
A MOTORIST assumed a false identity and faked his death in an attempt to escape a drink-driving charge, a jury was told yesterday.

Alan Smith, 61, took the name Montague Allan Richardson from a stolen driving licence and was charged under that identity.

Magistrates first adjourned the case after receiving a hospital letter that had been altered to say that Mr Richardson was to be admitted with a cancer-related illness. They later received a letter from a bogus solicitor, telling them that he was dead.

Rupert Pardoe, for the prosecution, told Reading Crown Court that Mr Smith was double the legal alcohol limit when he was stopped by police at Crowthorne, Berkshire, 11 months ago. "This was a clever, persistent and well-planned scheme which, had it gone to plan, would have resulted in him being forgotten about by the legal system," Mr Pardoe said.

Mr Smith, of Yateley, Hampshire, denies perverting the course of justice and stealing a driving licence. The trial continues.



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Government rethinks stance after Lyme Bay tragedy

Outdoor activity centres face safety controls

By Kathryn Knight and Jonathan Prynn

OUTDOOR activity centres will be licensed and forced to undergo compulsory inspections as a result of the Lyme Bay tragedy almost two years ago in which four teenage canoeists on an activity holiday died.

The Government yesterday agreed to support a private member's Bill from the Labour MP for Plymouth, Devonport, where the canoeists went to school. Until now, ministers have always maintained that a voluntary code of practice was sufficient. Their about-turn came after a report by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which found that about 10 per cent of outdoor activity centres were sub-standard.

David Jamieson yesterday welcomed the decision. His Bill enforcing safety standards has its second reading on Friday. It can now expect a smooth passage after Eric Forth, the Schools Minister, said the Government was prepared to support it in principle. Mr Forth added that the report showed that the majority of centres were well run but there was a minority that needed safety improvements.

The Bill will pave the way for regulations forcing Britain's 3,000 outdoor activity centres to register with an accreditation body. They would be subject to regular inspection and there would be a complaints procedure for people concerned about safety. Inspectors would be able to withdraw licences from centres they thought inadequate, and managers of centres operating without a licence could go to prison for two years.

Mr Jamieson said the Government had bowed under considerable pressure from parents and teachers. "They have listened to all the voices from teachers and governing bodies and LEAs saying that statutory powers were needed." He added that while it would be impossible to guarantee that accidents would never happen, the Bill would at least stop badly run centres putting children in danger.

Inspectors from the HSE examined just under 200 activity centres offering pursuits such as abseiling, rock climbing, sailing and caving. They found that 16 per cent did not provide even informal training for instructors, and 12 per cent had not appointed someone to be responsible for health and safety at the centre. Eight per cent had no emergency equipment or procedures and 6 per cent did not monitor health and safety standards of the centre. The report concluded that while most centres maintained high safety standards, there was no room for complacency.

Jamieson: second reading for Bill

"If only 84 per cent of airline pilots were competent, that would not give the travelling public much confidence in airlines. Parents feel the same way about outdoor activity centres," Mr Jamieson said.

The Government's change of heart was also welcomed by teaching unions and by the parents of the Lyme Bay victims. Carolyn Langley, mother of Claire Langley, 17, who died when her canoe was swept out to sea in Lyme Bay, said: "I just wish they had done it earlier. It would have saved us and many others a lot of grief and wasted time."

Denis Walker, father of Rachel Walker, 16, said that the Government's reluctance to accept the necessity for statutory legislation meant that "children's lives have been needlessly put at risk over the last 22 months". He called for the centres which the HSE had found to be substandard to be put out of business.

The National Association for Heads and Deputies said it was delighted by the Government's decision to back the Bill. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said his union would send out lists of licensed centres to all schools.

It is expected that centres will have to comply with new regulations by early next year, while the legal regime would be fully in place by early 1997. An accreditation scheme would need up to £200,000 from the Government in start-up costs but would eventually be largely self-financing.

In December last year, Peter Kite, the managing director of Active Learning and Leisure, the company controlling the Lyme Regis activity centre, was found guilty of the manslaughter of the four teenagers and jailed for three years.

Crippled soldier wins damages

By Bill Frost

A YOUNG soldier whose neck was broken during a scuffle with a fellow recruit yesterday accepted £800,000 compensation from the Ministry of Defence.

David Inker, 27, was left wheelchair-bound for life after a night of "unrestrained drinking" by fellow soldiers in the Royal Army Medical Corps ended in tragedy, the High Court in London was told. A piece of horseplay had "backfired" while the unit was on manoeuvres in Wales on July 12, 1987, his counsel, Christopher Gardner, QC, said.

A fellow soldier, who was chasing Private Inker, landed on top of him with "his full 14-15 stone weight, breaking his neck". He was only "cursorily examined" before being placed on a groundsheet, wearing only a sports jacket, T-shirt and trousers, to endure a "long, cold night". Mr Gardner said that his client pleaded for medical attention but was left alone and paralysed.

Mr Gardner told Mr Justice Drake: "We say that during the course of that evening there was heavy and unrestrained drinking, although Mr Inker himself did not drink alcohol." On his return to camp near Craig-y-Dinas, Gwynedd, Pte Inker saw Pte John Johns lying on the tailboard of an army lorry and, as a prank, tipped him to the ground.

A chase ensued, ending with Pte Johns landing on Pte Inker. Troop Sergeant Alan Foster "cursorily" examined Pte Inker by running his hand along his spine. Mr Gardner went on: "We say that he caused him to be handled in a way that defies belief from someone with that qualification, which the defendants admit was negligent and we say can only be explained by excessive consumption of alcohol by Troop Sgt Foster.

"He ordered the other recruits to take David Inker by the armpits and lift him up to stand him up, and then let go. The result was of course that he immediately collapsed again and his head and neck came into contact with the ground."

Mr Inker, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, said he was left until the next morning before being taken to hospital. The victim, who is now tetraplegic, is studying computer sciences at Reading University.

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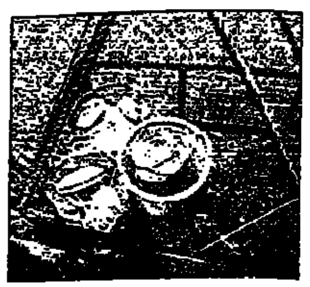
Florentine von Kleemann of Christie's with pieces from the *Diana* cargo



Perfectly preserved china

Shipwreck gives up her hoard of perfect porcelain

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

A CARGO of 24,000 pieces of porcelain has surfaced in London, 178 years after the ship carrying it sank on her way home to India.

Dishes and drinking vessels worth more than £1 million, destined for fashionable society in early colonial India, survived in immaculate condition because the *Diana* sank in calm seas and was cushioned by mud.

She was licensed by the East India Company and hit a rock in the Malacca Strait not shown on the charts of the day. There are hundreds of wrecks in the area, but electric storms with 50-knot winds usually ensured that porcelain was smashed.

Registered in Calcutta, the *Diana* was owned by John Palmer, a fabulously wealthy merchant trader who lost his £5 million fortune in a financial crash in the 1830s. The *Diana's* tightly packed hold contained more than 200 different varieties of porcelain. Some came from Jingdezhen in Jiangxi Province, centre of the imperial court kilns of south central China. There were also other goods in demand on the wealthy Indian market: glass beads, green tea, ginger — recovered still sealed in Chinese ginger jars — ginseng, camphor and rhubarb.

The wreck of the *Diana* was found after three years' research by Dorian Ball, a Leicester-born South African working on behalf of the Malaysian Government. The salvage operation took 800 days. Visibility was so bad the divers could never see the entire wreck and had to rely on guiding ropes to feel their way.

The porcelain is expected to sell for well over £1 million. In 1986, the Nanking Cargo of 150,000 pieces made £10 million. The pieces will be shown at Christie's in South Kensington from February 6 to 15, with the sale in Amsterdam on March 6 and 7.

Replica of Golden Hind may be sent to bring home Drake's body

By Andrew Pierce

A REPLICA of Sir Francis Drake's *Golden Hind* could sail for Panama to retrieve his remains from Nombre de Dios bay.

It is the 399th anniversary of Drake's death on Saturday, and his body lies in a sealed casket three miles off the coast at a depth of 126ft. Drake enthusiasts have raised £80,000 during the past four years to bring his coffin back to Britain. However, it was disclosed last week that the Ministry of Defence is opposed to the plans, infuriating historians who spent 14 years searching for the seafarer's grave.

The modern day *Golden Hind*, which is a floating museum, faces a race against Ruben Collado, an Argentine adventurer, who has vowed to bring Drake back to Britain in time for the 400th anniversary of his death.

Captain Roddy Coleman, the skipper of the *Golden Hind*, which sailed into Chatham, Kent, yesterday, said: "I think it would be a fitting tribute if we could be commissioned to bring Sir Francis Drake's body back."

Sir David Nicholas, the former chairman of Independent Television News, who is backing efforts to bring Drake home, said: "We wanted the blessing of the Navy so we could bring him back with the proper religious and ceremonial observance. We don't want to be accused of grave-robbing. It would be wonderful to involve the *Golden Hind*."

Captain Coleman said: "Ideally Drake's body should go to London and be buried in Westminster Abbey where he belongs. Or we could bring him back to Plymouth where he would be given a hero's welcome."

Not quite. Plymouth City Council made clear last night that the coffin bearing the remains of its most famous son would not be welcome. "It is a bizarre, ludicrous, idea," a council spokesman said. "Drake was given a proper burial at sea and there he should remain. It would be desecration to move him. We are proud of our connections to him, but there is no support in Plymouth for the idea of moving his remains here." Drake was Lord Mayor of Plymouth and was instrumental in installing a public water supply system in the city.

Drake: race to return his body from Panama

Last year the Labour-controlled council was forced to back down after it provoked controversy by vetoing public expenditure on celebrations for the life of Sir John Hawkins, the architect of the Elizabethan naval fleet that sank the Spanish. The council had balked at a celebration because of Hawkins's links with the slave trade.

Captain Coleman said: "All the crew of the original *Golden Hind*, including the cabin boy, came back as millionaires after plundering Spanish galleons on the high seas, but we would rather come back with the remains of Sir Francis Drake."

Remains of drug in cup killed boy

A CHILD who died from a methadone overdose had drunk milk from a baby's cup his stepfather used to measure out the heroin substitute, an inquest was told yesterday.

Nicola Ball, mother of Louis Standing, 2, told the hearing in Stockport that she had seen the cup rinsed out afterwards. But her brother-in-law, Peter Johnson, said he saw Louis drinking a green-coloured liquid from the cup.

The coroner, Peter Revington, recorded an open verdict on Louis, of Edgeley, Stockport, who died last April. He said it was not clear how the child had got the heroin substitute or who had given it to him.

Bentley gravestone to mark 'victim of British justice'

By Dominic Kennedy

CELEBRITIES are being invited to a memorial service dedicating a gravestone to Derek Bentley as "a victim of British justice".

The writer and broadcaster Ludovic Kennedy is expected to join the musician Ralph McTell, who composed a song about Bentley's case, for a ceremony at a cemetery in Croydon, south London, on Saturday. Invitations are also going to the musician Elvis Costello, who has expressed an interest in the Bentley hanging, and Malcolm Wicks, Labour MP for Croydon North West.

The vicar who buried the convicted murderer will travel from Southampton to support Bentley's sister Iris, who has cancer. Maria Dingwall, her daughter, and Benedict Bernberg, her solicitor, will also be at the graveside.

The ceremony is likely to attract more attention than the unveiling of a plaque at Croydon police station in November 1994 to PC Sidney Miles, who was shot in November 1952 by Bentley's accomplice, Christopher Craig.

Craig was ineligible for the death penalty because he was aged 16. Bentley was hanged for murder. His remains were reinterred in an unmarked piece of unconsecrated ground at the municipal cemetery in 1966. His parents have since been buried in the same plot.

In 1973, Bentley's father asked for a memorial bearing the words: "Lest we forget Derek Bentley — a victim of English injustice." Croydon's Conservative-controlled council refused permission but implied that it supported the sentiment of the epitaph. Efforts to change the wording to indicate that Bentley's family had faith in his innocence were rejected by relatives.

When Labour won control of the authority for the first time, it approved the gravestone. Saturday's memorial service marks the 32nd anniversary of Bentley's hanging.

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Attenborough urges government action to save 600 species

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

AN ACTION plan to save 600 British species of flora and fauna was presented yesterday by Sir David Attenborough to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. It is aimed at halting the extinction of species including bats, mosses and birds in the British Isles and allowing those that are threatened to flourish.

Conservationists said that many species were declining "at a rate of knots" and could be lost within decades. They include humble species such as mosses, ferns and algae, as well as the more high-profile ones such as the bittern, down to 16 pairs, the silver-spotted-skipper butterfly, which has suffered a 74 per cent decline since the 1950s, and common farmland birds such as the song thrush and the skylark.

Sir David, the naturalist and broadcaster, speaking at the Natural History Museum in London last night, said: "*Biodiversity Challenge* [the action plan] lists over 150 species which are known, or are believed, to have become extinct in the UK this century. About half of these were only found in the UK and have therefore been lost to the world for ever."

The lost species include the large blue butterfly, the Essex emerald moth, the many branched stonewort, the peach-leaved bellflower, Ivell's sea-anemone and the burbot, a fish. Sir David said it was a matter of urgency that policies were now implemented to ensure other British species were not consigned to the history books.

Biodiversity Challenge is intended to help the Government to meet its commitments to the Rio Earth summit by drafting conservation schemes, setting recovery targets and costing programmes.

Graham Wynne, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said that huge benefits to wildlife were possible for relatively small amounts. The Caledonian pinewoods of Scotland, a unique habitat reduced to 12,500 hectares, 1 per cent of their original range, could be managed and expanded by 10,000 hectares for about £700,000 a year for 10 years.

Tony Juniper, senior habitats campaigner with Friends of the Earth, said: "This is less than the cost of subsidy payments to a large farm which annually can be over £1 million."

At the gathering of conservationists, Sir David took the chance to criticise John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, after reports that he plans to cut the conservation budget in the Principality. For biodiversity to be preserved, all government departments needed to pledge their commitments, not just Mr Gummer's.

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ANDRE CAMARA

Nico Ladenis and Marco Pierre White yesterday. Their restaurants have been awarded three Michelin stars

Michelin honours White and Ladenis

By Robin Young

TWO London restaurants are today elevated to the pantheon of cuisine, when the new edition of the *Michelin Red Hotel and Restaurant Guide* awards them three stars.

Both promotions are for establishments affiliated to the Forte hotel group: The Restaurant at the Hyde Park Hotel, run by Marco Pierre White; and Chez Nico at the Grosvenor House Hotel, run by Nico Ladenis. Mr White, 33, becomes the youngest chef and first native Englishman to win three stars. "I feel like Roger Bannister having done the four-minute mile," he said. Mr Ladenis is the only self-taught chef ever to win such an accolade.

Michelin rates three-star restaurants as producing "exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey". Pierre Koffmann's La Tante Claire in Chelsea and Michel Roux's Waterside Inn at Bray, Berkshire also hold three stars.

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The stolen Lowry

Thieves throw stolen Lowry from car

By Andrew Pierce

A LOWRY painting was recovered on a motorway embankment after it was thrown out of a car during a police chase.

The £9,000 painting, *The Four Figures*, was not damaged and was last night back at Salford Art Gallery and Museum, home to one of the world's largest Lowry collections. Detectives believe the thieves were opportunists as Lowry pictures worth £500,000 were hanging only feet away.

Two police cars were rammed during the pursuit in Stretford, Manchester, on Monday night. Three men were arrested later and are helping police with their inquiries. Det Chief Insp Andy Tattersall, who led the seven-day hunt for the painting, said: "Our main fear was that it would leave the country."

The disappearance of the 10-inch square picture on Monday last week was not noticed by gallery staff for more than an hour. Security has since been tightened. The picture, which depicts Lowry's distinctive matchstick men, was one of the last he completed.

'Too noisy' opera is reprieved for a year

AN open-air opera festival which was fined earlier this year for being too noisy has survived the latest attempt by opponents to drop the final curtain on its performances.

Planners yesterday gave Leonard Ingrams, an impresario and banker, approval for the summer season of 20 operas to be held at his mansion in Garsington, Oxfordshire, but they were as divided as the villagers living near the Jacobean manor house.

Mr Ingrams, 53, the brother of Richard Ingrams, the former Editor of *Private Eye*, said he was relieved by South Oxfordshire District Council's decision: "We are thrilled and hope the opera will go ahead now."

However, opponents of the festival yesterday claimed at the meeting at Crowmarsh, Oxfordshire, that the event was "a monster growing in front of us" and a "damned nuisance".

Last month Mr Ingrams was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £2,000 costs after being convicted of causing noise pollution. Residents and officers from the council are to monitor the impact of noise and increased traffic during the 35 days of this year's festival, which will include a fete, garden open days and amateur dramatic performances.

Councillor Jim Nixey said: "They cannot understand that their opera is a damned nuisance because of one thing — the noise. It's intolerable for the people in the village."

However, others called for another year to assess the situation. Councillor Jan Morgan said: "I am not an opera lover. I hate it. But I want it to go on one more year so we can make a much more informed decision on it."

Crash victim 'in plot to extort £1m'

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN injured in a car crash plotted to extort £1 million from his motor insurance company by murdering and maiming senior executives, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

But John Grainger, 53, made one blunder in his "ruthless and calculated scheme", the court was told. The man he hired to carry out his orders was an undercover police officer who secretly recorded their conversations.

The court was told that the unemployed property developer suffered whiplash injuries in a car that was struck from behind by a lorry in April 1991. After much wrangling, including a threat to starve himself, Mr Grainger agreed to accept £250,000 but warned the company's legal representatives that his fight for four times that amount would go on.

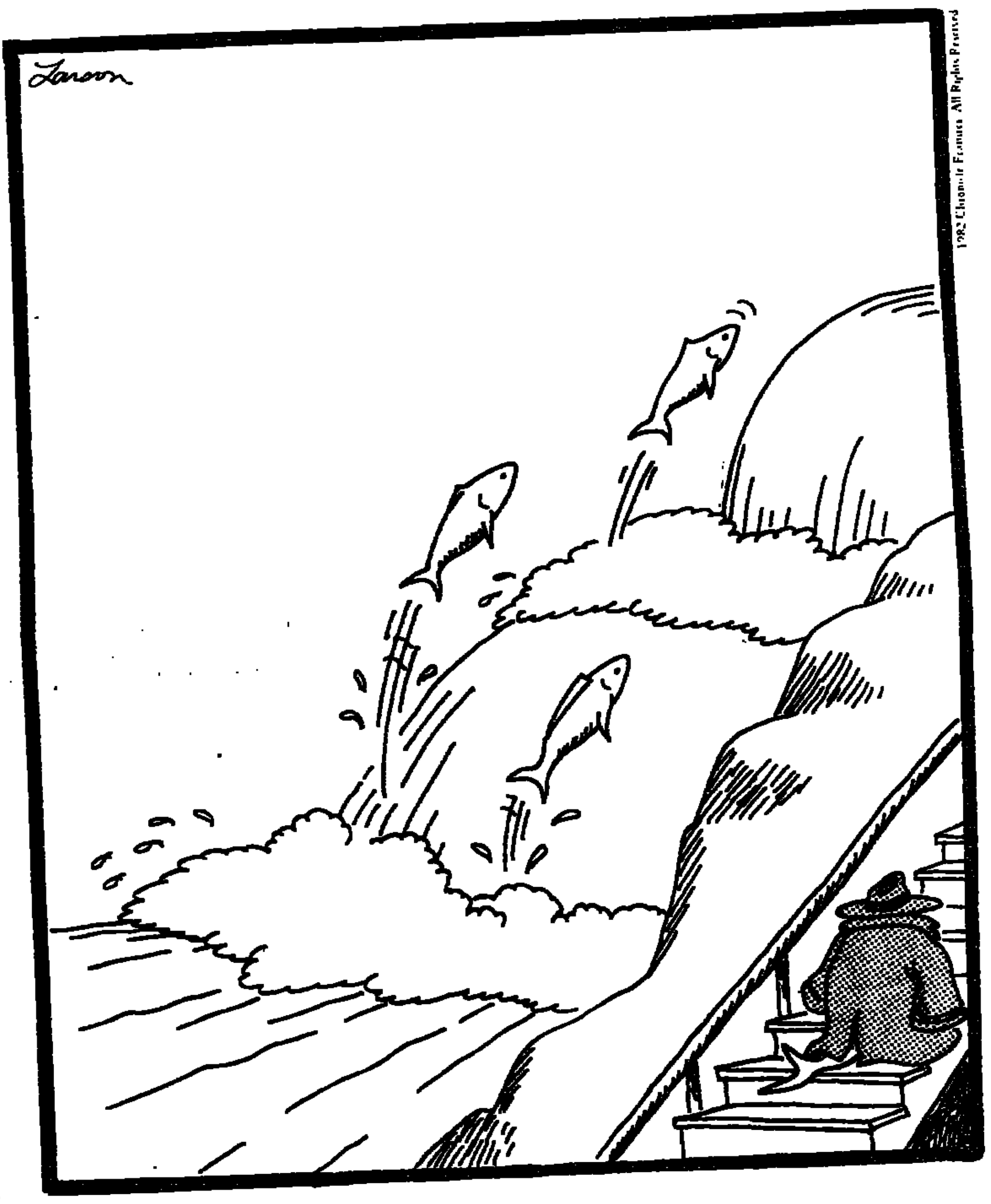
Michael Austin-Smith, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Grainger was ruthless, calculated and determined. "He had his plan and all he needed was a hit man to execute it."

The first man Mr Grainger allegedly recruited failed to carry out his order to firebomb the company. He was then put in touch with the undercover officer. Mr Grainger allegedly told the officer in taped conversations: "If someone puts paint on a director's car, I don't think they would take any notice. But if, let's say, I did something terrible, say I killed someone, I think the harder you go in the greater the chances of it working."

The court was told that the policeman pretended to carry out "a hit" and told Mr Grainger that he had wounded a company director in the leg. He said: "You have made me a happy man. That's lovely: gone to hospital, has he?"

Mr Grainger indicated that if he did not hear from the insurer by the weekend after the fictional attack, he wanted the "full SP, a bullet in the head", the court was told.

Mr Grainger, of Great Yeldham, Essex, denies soliciting to murder, incitement to cause grievous bodily harm and incitement to blackmail last March. The trial continues.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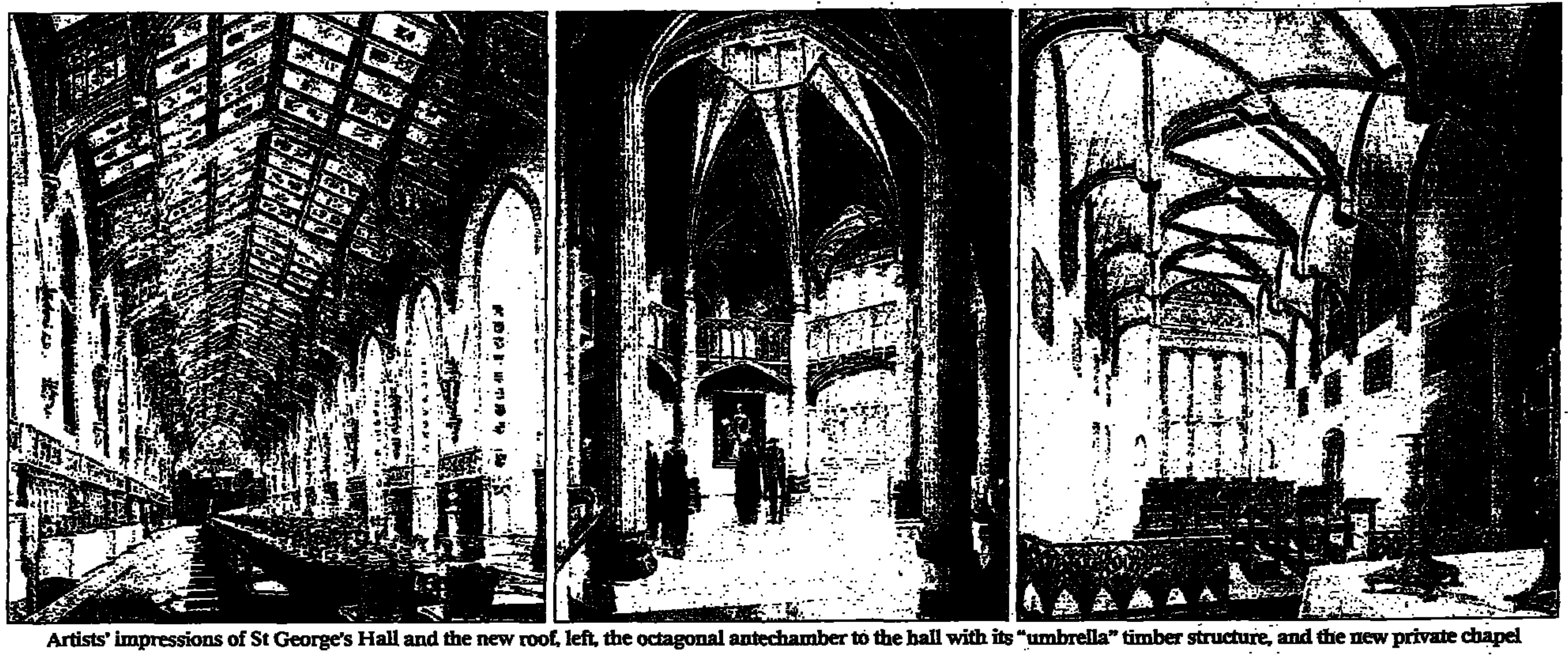
Restoration work on schedule to be completed within £40 million budget

Windsor designs hold to Gothic tradition

■ **Visitors to Buckingham Palace will have to pay 50p more this year to help to fund restoration work at Windsor Castle. Alan Hamilton reports**



Artists' impressions of St George's Hall and the new roof, left, the octagonal antechamber to the hall with its "umbrella" timber structure, and the new private chapel

THE QUEEN has opted for a traditionalist approach to the redesign of the interiors at Windsor Castle after the disastrous fire of November 1992.

Royal Household officials yesterday unveiled the chosen designs for the reconstruction of three fire-damaged state apartments, which will include elements of contemporary architecture, while the remainder are to be returned to their condition before the blaze. The theme is unashamed Gothic.

Six prominent architects were invited to submit designs by the restoration committee, presided over by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales. Their well-known bias towards the traditional is reflected in their choice of a scheme by the Sidell Gibson partnership that reworks the basic principles of Gothic architecture. It has been approved by the Queen.

Giles Downes, the architect in charge of the winning submission, said they had *been forced to accept that* scope for drastic redesign within the castle was limited: the castle had enjoyed a tradition of successive generations of builders interpreting Gothic architecture in their own, distinctive ways.

"In the last 20 years architecture has been rediscovering its roots, and we have based our design approach on our own modern reinterpretation of Gothic, as a continuation of this tradition at Windsor and as a reflection of the attitudes *and interests of the 1990s,"* Mr Downes said. The present-day appeal of Gothic was in its direct use of natural materials and craftsmanship, the similarity of many of its shapes to natural plant forms, and in the allegorical nature of medieval thought.

Sidell Gibson will provide St George's Hall, greatest of the state apartments, with a new ceiling much more steeply pitched than Jeffrey de Wyattville's 1828 ceiling for George IV, and will use natural oak *rather than the previ*ous painted plaster. The new ceiling will have sufficient panels to accommodate nearly 700 coats of arms of past Knights of the Garter.

The architects' greatest challenge, however, was to remodel the former private chapel, destroyed in the fire, into an octagonal anteroom leading into St George's Hall. Its centrepiece will be a large and elegant timber umbrella made of eight oak columns each supporting a fan of 25 *curving* oak *ribs* shaped like giant plants and founded on the basic principles of Gothic geometry. When finished, the room will exhibit paintings from the Royal Collection.

Next to the Octagon will be a new, smaller private chapel, a simple rectangular chamber created out of what, before the fire, was the Holbein Room. The chapel will have a Gothic vaulted ceiling in the shape of wings touching at the centre.

Castle officials have not yet decided whether the Octagon, *which promises* to be an impressive and eye-catching piece of timberwork, should be included in the public tour of the state apartments when restoration is completed in 1998, or whether visitors will merely be allowed to look into it from outside.

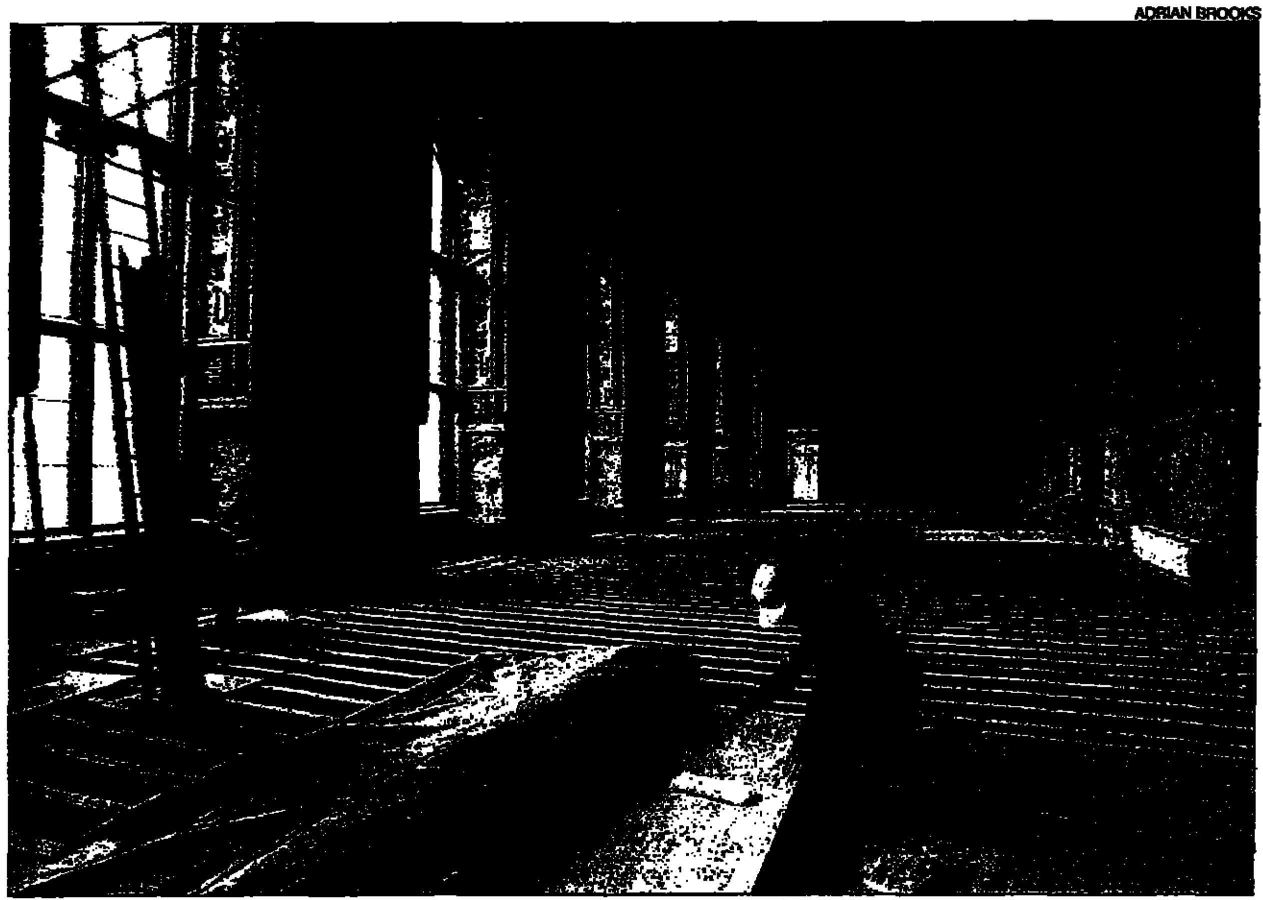
Elsewhere in the fire-damaged area, the apartments now have new roofs and are weathertight. Powerful fans have been installed to dry out the 1.5 million gallons of water poured onto the blaze by firefighters before the delicate task of interior restoration can begin in earnest. The apartments most badly damaged by the fire remain stripped of their finery, and scorch marks are still evident despite a massive operation to clear away debris that filled 7,000 dustbins. In many of the rooms the atmosphere *is still* chill and dank, while others, including the Green Drawing Room, exude the smell of new wood as carpenters begin the work of replacing floors.

During work to make the structure safe, archaeologists from English Heritage uncovered a previously unknown medieval timber roof hidden behind a Victorian ceiling in the Great Kitchen, and a 120-foot-deep well dating from 1440.

John Tiltman, the Royal Household's project director for the restoration, said yesterday that work was on schedule, and would be completed by spring 1998 within the original £40 million budget. More than two-thirds of the cost is to be met from entrance charges at the castle and at Buckingham Palace, the remainder coming from the regular grant-in-aid, given by the National Heritage Department for maintaining the occupied royal palaces.

Michael Peat, the Royal Household's director of finance, said yesterday that the basic entrance charge to Buckingham Palace would increase this year from £8 to £8.50. Last year, opening the palace to the *public raised £2.8 million to*wards restoration costs, while new entrance charges at Windsor produced a further £1.4 million. Mr Peat was unable to say whether opening the palace to the public for eight weeks each summer would continue after the restoration had been completed.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Work is progressing apace in the Green Drawing Room, where carpenters are replacing the flooring

Norman fort that grew into world's largest royal castle

WILLIAM the Conqueror chose a hilly site overlooking the Thames to build a wooden fortress in about 1070 that would guard the river's western approach to *his capital* (*Alan Hamilton* writes).

In the late 12th century Henry II began to rebuild it in stone, from which period survive the outer walls of the Upper Ward and the lower half of the Round Tower.

Its role as fortress has long given way to that of palace. Today its 13 acres make it the world's largest occupied royal castle, and the most popular tourist spot in Britain outside London, with more than three million visitors a year.

Tudor monarchs extended the palace and Queen Elizabeth *built* a gallery which now houses the royal library. The early Stuarts did not much care for Windsor, and by the time of Charles II's restoration in 1660 it had fallen into some disrepair. Charles rebuilt a substantial part in the baroque style of his period to form the core of *what are now the state* apartments.

But it was the ruinously extravagant George IV who, above all others, created Windsor in its present form. He employed Jeffery Wyatt to translate royal ideas into a riot of mock Gothic extravaganza. Wyatt's principal work is the quadrangle of the Upper Ward, housing the state and private apartments. Wyatt also raised the Round Tower (which is in fact elliptical) by 33 feet to enhance the skyline.

The present restoration is largely dedicated to preserving the Wyatt castle, and where changes are planned they will do homage to the Wyatt Gothic tradition.

Tory MP to stand down at election

John Butcher, Tory MP for Coventry South West, will not contest the next general election. The seat, which he has held since 1979, will disappear under Boundary Commission changes.

Mr Butcher, 48, who served as an industry and education minister under Margaret Thatcher, gained an early reputation for outspokenness, accusing drivers who bought foreign cars of an "act of betrayal".

Wiring penalty

The electrical retailer Dixons was ordered to pay £14,000 in fines and costs by magistrates at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, for supplying a customer with a wrongly wired plug which an assistant had attached to a computer.

Bishop to retire

The Rt Rev Samuel Poyntz, Church of Ireland Bishop of Connor, is to retire in March. *Dr Poyntz, 69, whose diocese* includes Belfast, was praised for *his* courage by the Most Rev Robert Eames, Church of Ireland Primate.

Coach hijack

A passenger who boarded a coach at Cambridge hijacked it when it reached Stansted Airport, forcing off the driver and one other passenger, and setting off to drive to York. He was stopped and arrested by police at Harlow.

Mystery grave

A VE-Day service is to be held *at the grave of a Russian* soldier buried in a cemetery in Shaftesbury, Dorset. Nobody knows how Private V. Duschin, who died on February 7, 1945, came to be buried in southern England.

Cable collision

An Army helicopter crew escaped unhurt after their Puma struck a power cable while *attempting to land out*side Clogher, Co Tyrone. *About* 100 homes were left without electricity.

Offal nuisance

Residents in Offwell, Devon, have renamed it Offal on a plaque unveiled in the village centre to protest at council plans to build an abbatoir on the outskirts. They are seeking a public inquiry.

Frozen asset

A 200-year-old igloo-shaped ice house in Bognor Regis, used to preserve food, is being restored by Arun District Council. It was built in 1792 by the London hatmaker Sir Richard Hotham.

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County pins hope on Lords appeal

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

CLEVELAND, the first county scheduled to be abolished under proposals to redraw the local-authority map of England, is mounting a last-minute campaign for preservation after a House of Lords decision to expunge it from the map.

The county is pressing ahead with an appeal to the Lords on the ground that the public was never properly consulted, despite a 73-20 vote in the Lords on Monday in favour of government plans to divide it into four unitary councils.

The High Court has already rejected a request for a judicial review. At the same time it was highly critical of the way the Local Government Com*mission had* behaved. The court said it was guilty of "conduct, which in the case of a secondhand car salesman, would lead to an appearance at the Old Bailey".

The county has told council tax-payers that if it is abolished every household will face an extra bill of £230 a year and that there will be at least 750 redundancies in an area with one of the highest unemployment rates. The figures are based on published bids for financial assistance for transition costs by the four unitary authorities, which are due to take over the county's responsibilities from April next year. These total £30 million instead of the commission's highest original estimate of £18 million.

The Government dismissed *the calculation as a scare* tactic.

Defendant mugged magistrate

A DEFENDANT mugged the magistrate during a lunchtime break in his case, a court was told yesterday. A man who came to her aid turned out to be a friend of the mugger — who then helped him to escape.

Glen Telford, 21, who faced a charge of breaching a probation order, had been released by Linda Higgs, 42, in Bedlington, Northumberland, over the adjournment. Yesterday, Telford was jailed for two years at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court after admitting robbery. The court heard he had been on drugs and *alcohol* and needed money for more,

Shaun Walker, 18, who had helped Mrs Higgs to her feet and driven Telford away, admitted assisting an offender. *His case was adjourned* for reports.

Chicken hurling butcher jailed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BULLYING Sainsbury's butcher who knocked a part-time worker off his feet with a frozen chicken was jailed yesterday for 12 months. Nicholas Wilson, 23, hurled the 3½lb bird at Andrew Baggs, 18, from 25 yards "like a rugby throw-in", Winchester Crown Court was told.

Mr Baggs, a student working at the store on Saturdays, staggered backwards after he was hit in the chest "with considerable force".

Christian Sweeney, for the prosecution, said that Wilson, a full-time butcher at the store in Alton, Hampshire, was in the meat department with Philip Small, 31, its manager, and some student workers when friendly banter devel*oped into more* physical abuse. Mr Baggs was also prodded in the buttocks with a sharp meat knife.

The court was told Small had also hit Mr Baggs with a 1lb weight after saying: "Say hello to Mr One Pound Weight".

Wilson admitted causing actual bodily harm with the knife and two counts of assault. *He admitted further* charges of causing actual bodily harm, one count of assault and one of affray, arising out of a later incident. Small admitted causing actual bodily harm and was ordered to do 160 hours' of community service and to pay Mr Baggs £300.

Sainsbury's said later: "We take this matter extremely seriously. The two are no longer employed by Sainsbury's."

Sporting success is all in the mind

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

MENTALLY rehearsing a golf swing or a tennis serve could really work, according to a British study.

The mental practice activates almost all the same brain circuits used in the game itself. This strengthens the brain cell connections and makes it more likely that they will function as intended.

The study, says Professor Richard Frackowiak of the Institute of Neurology in London, gives an anatomical explanation for "the common experiences of pianists, violinists and tennis players, who very frequently rehearse movements in their minds as a technique for improving performance".

With Klaus-Martin Stephan of the University of Dusseldorf, he used the technique of positron emission tomography to scan the brains of six volunteers as they moved a joystick rather like a gear lever in a particular pattern. They compared these brain scans with those taken as the men prepared to do the task, and as they imagined doing it.

The scans measure which part of the brain is active at any moment by tracing blood flow. It was found that three areas of the brain were used, in first preparing, then imagining, then carrying out an action. But simply imagining on its own is enough to activate the first two of these areas, which amount to about 80 per cent of the brain circuits involved in performing and action.

To choreograph something as complex as a golf or tennis swing, the brain has to get "the whole system tuned up to make precisely the correct sequence of muscle movements", Professor Frackowiak says. When a person imagines a swing, "all the brain areas dealing with movement activate, except for the region associated with the final command that says 'Go.'"

Mental practice on its own will *not* make you a tennis champion or a concert pianist, he says. "You have to get some feedback by playing the game, or the piano. Otherwise you might simply be practising mistakes. But the study does imply that the claims made by so many musicians and sportsmen do really have a physical basis."

Professor Deborah Feltz of Michigan State University, who has reviewed the research, said that the findings made sense but added: "Real practice is best. If you never played golf before, mental practice isn't going to help you because the brain circuitry isn't there yet," she said. "You have to have some groundwork laid down."

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Mistake by engineers left holiday Airbus unable to turn left

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE pilot of a twin-engined Airbus A320 jet with 185 holidaymakers and seven crew on board discovered he could not turn left because British Airways engineers had forgotten to reconnect control surfaces on one wing after maintenance.

For 37 minutes he fought to control the Excalibur Airways plane before making a high-speed emergency landing at Gatwick at the second attempt. After landing it was found that engineers had forgotten to reactivate four of the five spoilers — panels on the wing that can be raised to reduce speed and to help the plane to roll — on the right wing.

A report by the air accident investigation branch into the incident in August yesterday blamed "a complex chain of human errors" by the engineers and the pilots who had failed to notice that the spoilers were not responding to control before take-off.

The jet had been taken into a hangar at Gatwick for repairs to a damaged flap. This involved putting the spoilers into "maintenance mode" — effectively blocking them off from the controls. When the jet was needed quickly to make a flight to Faro in Portugal on August 26, the engineers forgot to reactivate the spoilers, leaving them free to rise sufficiently to produce additional drag and causing the aircraft to roll to the right.

"The flight crew was faced with a serious degradation of control at a critical moment of flight," the report says. The investigators praised the crew for coping well with the emergency and Gatwick air traffic controllers who gave "prompt and thoughtful assistance".

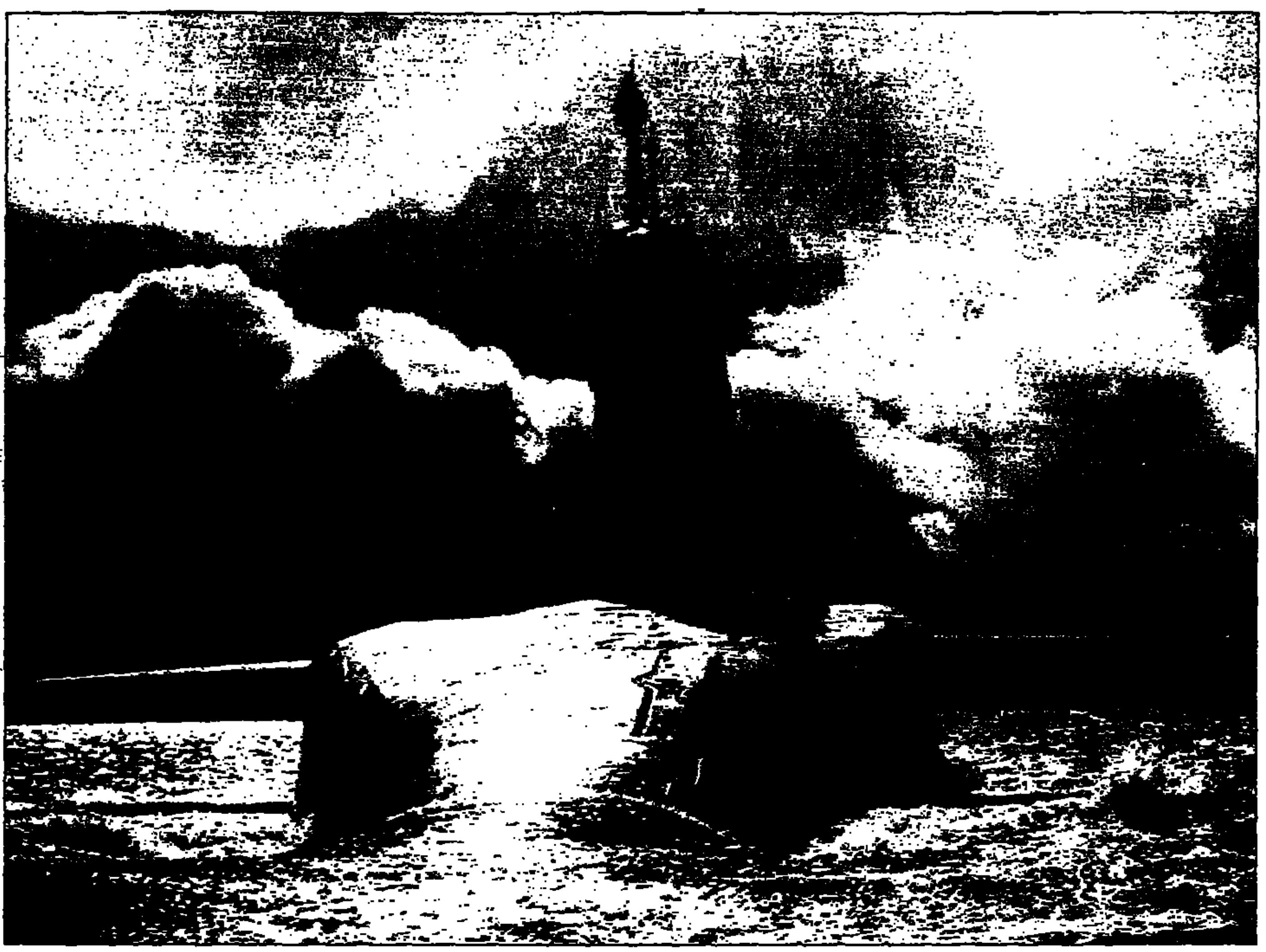
Like other "fly-by-wire" aircraft, the A320 is controlled by electrical impulses to the main control surfaces which are then powered hydraulically. Spoilers, also known as air brakes, are controlled by computer.

Although the engineers failed to comply with instructions in the maintenance manual their mistakes "were not simple acts of neglect or ignorance" the report says. "Their approach implied that they believed there were benefits for the organisation if they could succesfully circumvent problems to deliver the aircraft on time."

In the past engineers working on aeroplanes could act on their own initiative and without strict reference to the manuals. "With the introduction of aircraft such as the A320 it is no longer possible for maintenance staff to have enough information about the aircraft and its systems to understand adequately the consequences of any deviation," the report said. "The avoidance of future unnecessary accidents with high technology aircraft depends on an attitude of total compliance within the industry.

"If a check has previously been carried out numerous times without any fault being present, it is human nature to anticipate no fault when next the check is carried out."

Over-reliance on computers may exacerbate the problem. "Pilots should be aware the computers have limitations and that safety ultimately depends on thorough pre-flight checks of critical systems," the report said.



HMS Vanguard, Britain's first Trident nuclear submarine, powering through the Clyde near its base at Faslane. This picture by Leading Airman Adrian Hughes has won the Royal Naval Peregrine Trophy and the Maritime Books trophy

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South:
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Contract: 6♠ by South. Opening lead: ♦A

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

After winning the the ace of diamonds West continues with a second diamond. The declarer cashes the ace of hearts discarding a diamond. How should he continue?

The principal chance on the hand is to find the spades no worse than 4-2 and the club suit coming in for no loser. However, before drawing trumps it does no harm to play off the ace and king of clubs. When the jack fails to appear, the clubs are more likely to be 3-3 than 4-2 (the 4-2 club breaks with Jx have been eliminated), so the pseudo-safety play of a low club intending to ruff is not correct — even if the clubs are 3-3 you now go down if the spades are 4-2. Best is to play the *queen* of clubs.

If the clubs are 3-3 you draw trumps, and if they are 4-2 with West holding the doubleton you can still make the contract provided East started with 10xx of spades — West ruffs the queen of clubs, dummy overruffs, declarer ruffs a heart in hand, plays another club overruffing West with the king of spades, finesses the nine of spades and draws trumps. You won't make it if West has Jxxx of clubs, but then you weren't making it by drawing trumps either.

When John Armstrong was South playing for the team that won last year's Lederer Trophy, (a) at trick four he just drew trumps, (b) the clubs and spades were actually both 3-3, so it did not matter what he did, and (c) he gallantly reported his misplay to me.

Macallan Pairs

The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship (in association with *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*), starts today at 5.30pm at the White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NW1 (0171-387 1200), and continues tomorrow and Friday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Prodigy's victory in Calcutta

There has been a remarkable result in the Goodricke International tournament at Calcutta in India. Eleven-year-old S. Ganguly has defeated the strong grandmaster Grigory Serper from Uzbekistan, rated 2,585 on the international scale.

Serper is the strongest player ever to have been defeated by an 11-year-old. Ganguly's victory owed nothing to chance — he comprehensively outplayed his opponent.

White: Serper
Black: Ganguly
Goodricke Open, Calcutta, January 1995

English Opening

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	d5
3	cxd5	Nxd5
4	g3	g6
5	Bg2	Nb6
6	d3	Bg7
7	Be3	0-0
8	Qd2	Re8
9	Bh6	Bh8
10	h4	c6
11	h5	Nd5
12	hxg6	hxg6
13	Nf3	Nd7
14	Ng5	N7f6
15	Bf3	Bg4
16	Nxd5	cxd5
17	0-0-0	Qb6
18	Rh4	Bxf3
19	exf3	Rec8+
20	Kb1	Rc5
21	Nh3	d4
22	Ng5	Nd5
23	Rdh1	Rac8
24	Bf8	Bf6
25	Ne4	Bxh4
26	Qh6	Rc1+
27	Rxc1	Rxc1+
28	Qxc1	Kxf8
29	Qh6+	Kg8
30	Qxh4	Qb5
31	Ng5	Qxd3+
32	Kc1	Qf1+
33	Kc2	Qxf2+
34	Kb3	Nf6
35	Qf4	b5
36	Qb8+	Kg7
37	Qxb5	Qxg3
38	Kc4	Qf2
39	a4	Qe3
40	Qc5	e5
41	Ne6+	fxe6
42	Qe7+	Kh6
43	Qxf6	Qe2+
44	Kc5	Qc2+
45	Kd6	Qf5
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48	Qe2	Qf4
49	Kd7	d3
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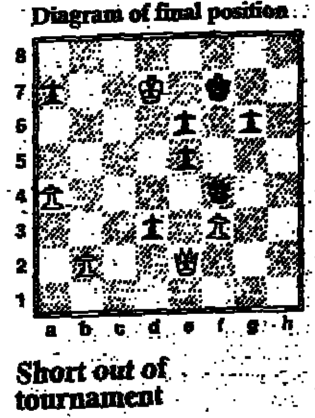
Diagram of final position



Short out of tournament

Nigel Short of Britain has been eliminated in the semifinal of the international knockout tournament at Wijk aan Zee in Holland.

His victorious opponent, the Russian grandmaster Alexei Dreev, goes on to meet his compatriot Evgeny Bareev in the final.

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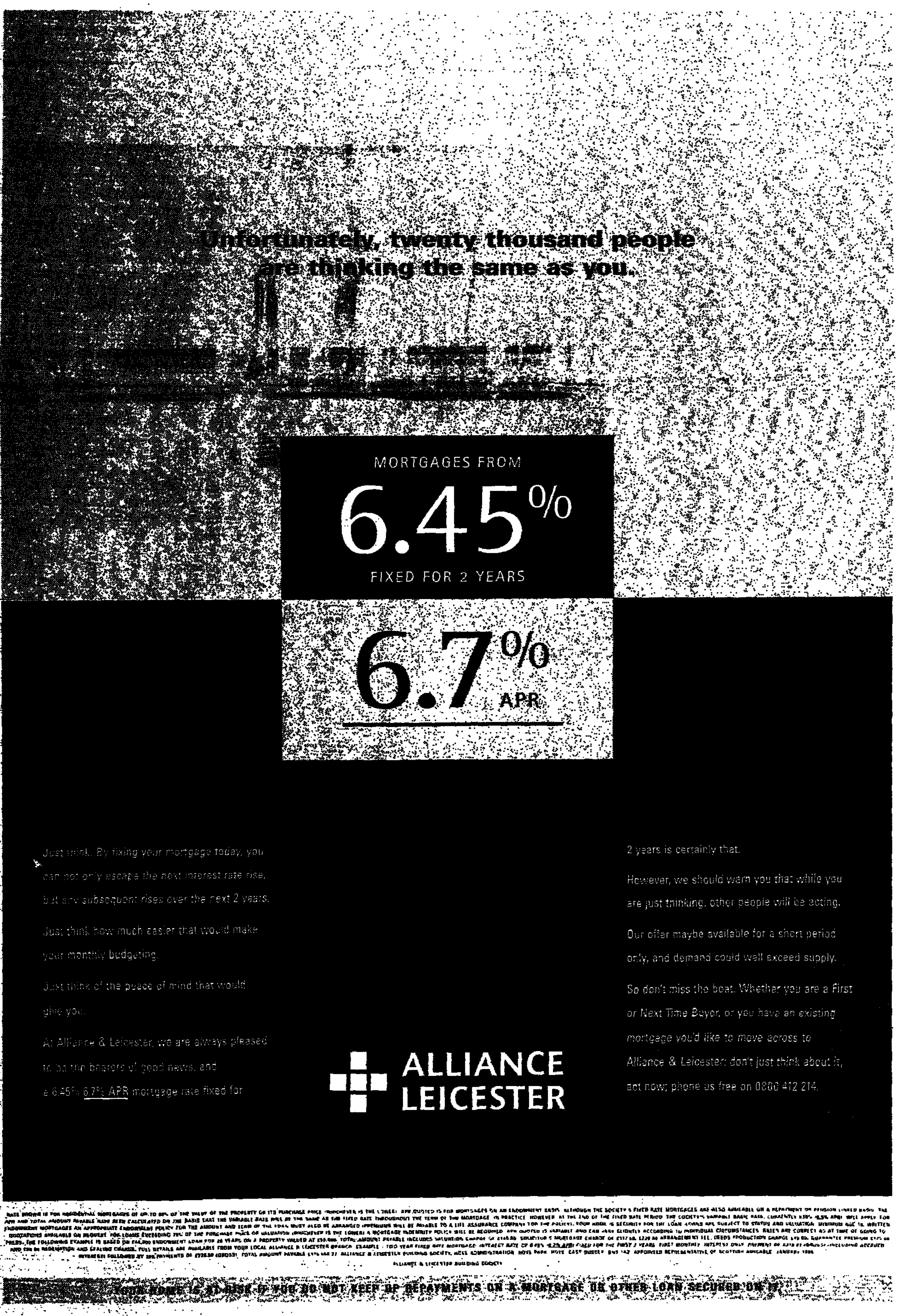
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Rank and file may be asked for verdict on Clause 4

By Jill Sherman, political correspondent

LABOUR Party members may be balloted on the future of Clause Four to try to prevent activists from blocking Tony Blair's campaign to modernise the constitution.

Labour's national executive will today discuss whether constituency ballots should go ahead after it has agreed the new wording of Clause Four on March 15. The moves comes as Mr Blair's opponents step up their efforts to thwart him.

The Defend Clause Four Campaign is to hold another press conference today to be attended by Dennis Skinner and Dianne Abbott, who are both members of the executive. The group claims that it is receiving strong indications from the constituencies that there is grassroots support for retaining Labour's nationalisation clause unchanged.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, will today try to counteract the group's efforts with a speech showing strong support for rewriting Clause Four. His intervention is significant because he initially opposed Mr Blair's decision and because he holds considerable influence in the party. He is expected say in the speech: "Clause Four shouldn't be pickled in vinegar."

Mr Blair is in favour of as wide a consultation as possible to show that the final decision, to be taken at a special conference on April 29, is democratic. However, it is understood that he does not want to push anyone into a decision on balloting, and is unlikely to take a strong position at today's meeting.

The national executive has no powers to instruct constituencies to hold ballots, but it can encourage them to do so, as it did over John Smith's one-member one-vote proposals.

Party sources argue that a ballot of the ordinary membership would be likely to reflect stronger support for Mr Blair's move to rewrite Clause Four than would a vote at constituency branch meetings, which tend to be dominated by party activists. Similar ballots on the one-member one-vote changes showed strong support for Mr Smith's modernisation.

The ballots would not be binding on constituency parties but it would be difficult for them to ignore the results when they mandate their delegates for the special conference on April 29. Officials said that pressure to hold them had come from constituencies that were in favour of changing Clause Four.

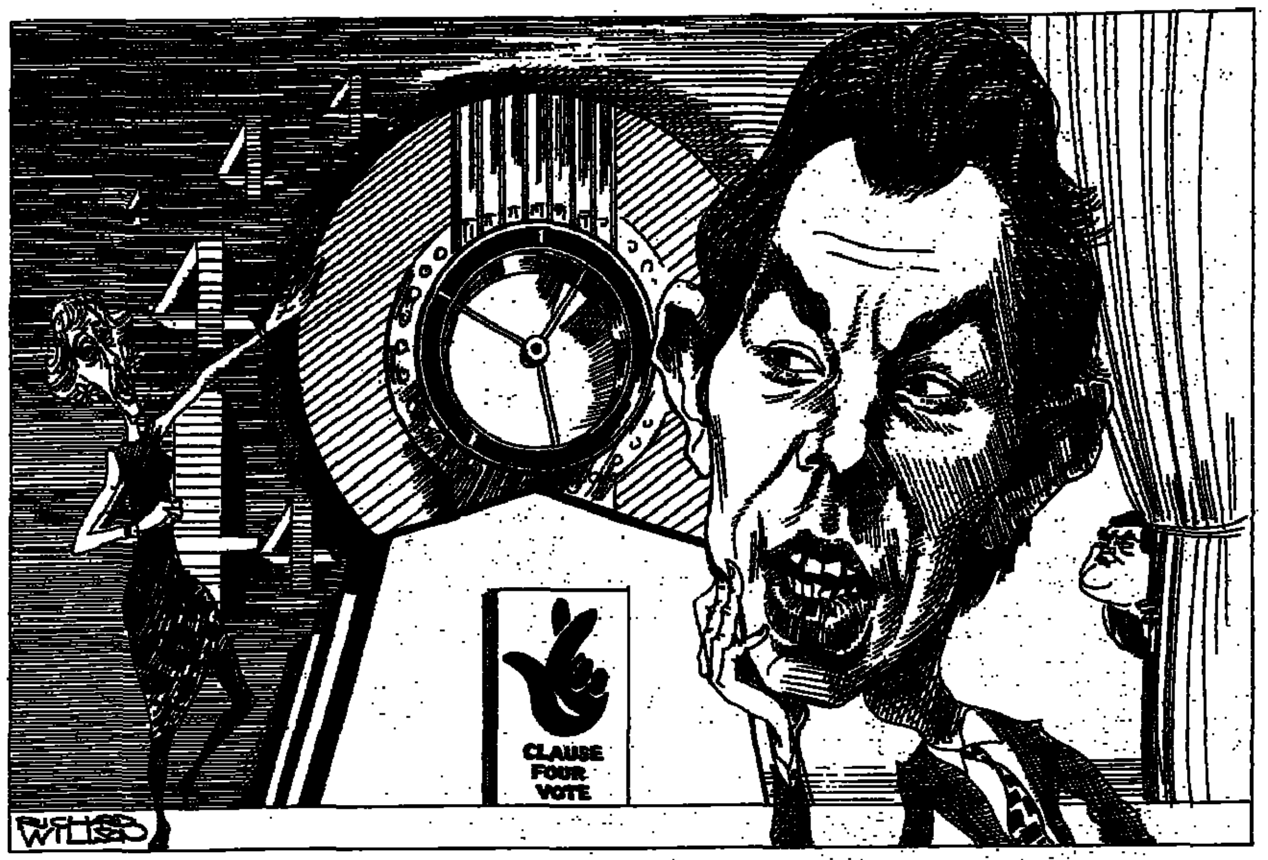
Some MPs argue that the ballots, which could be held at constituency or branch level, might be very haphazard and badly organised. Some constituencies could refuse to take part, which could undermine the decisions reached at constituency branch meetings.

Party officials ruled out any ballot of trade union members as too costly and too consuming. Trade unions hold 70 per cent of the vote at the special conference, with constituencies holding the remaining 30 per cent. The offials also ruled out an earlier ballot of party members on whether Clause Four should be changed. Leadership sources said any ballots would have to be over the new wording of the party's constitution and held after March 15.

Mr Cook will today give a lecture "setting out the radical case for changing Clause Four". He will set out the key objectives that he believes should be contained in the party's new statement of aims and values.

He will point out that public ownership has never been the sole objective of socialism. "The fundamentals of Labour ideology is not state ownership but social solidarity," he will say. He will also argue that there would be a much greater revolt from the membership if Mr Blair decided to implement Clause Four in full.

On Thursday Mr Blair will try to rally party members to the cause at a private question and answer session in Gateshead and Leeds followed by a key speech on Saturday in his Sedgefield constituency.



College places 'could be earned'

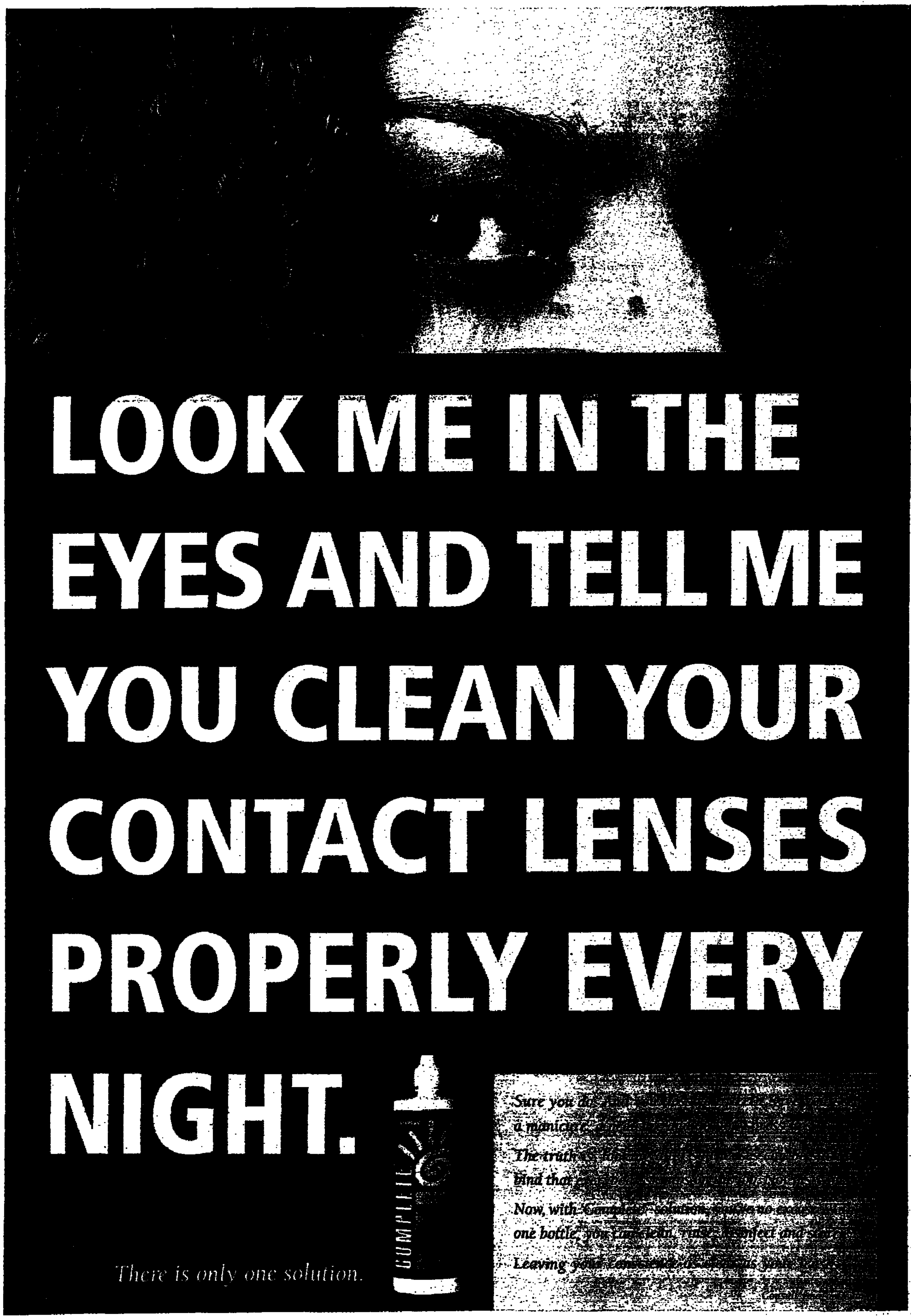
By Jill Sherman

STUDENTS could help to pay their way through university by doing a nine months of community service after they leave school, Labour said yesterday.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said that the idea of allowing student to earn "burseries" to college by doing citizen's service was being considered as part of the party's review of further education.

At the end of last year the party admitted that it was looking at a graduate tax as a way of getting students to pay back some of the cost of their education as an alternative to the student loans system.

Addressing the National Youth Agency Citizenship and Community Service conference, Mr Blunkett said: "We should consider offering credits for further and higher education for those who have undertaken citizen's service. It will then not be viewed as something simply for those who have failed within the system but a programme and a foundation for life."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Nolan dismisses accusation of hasty judgment

By Michael Dynes

LORD NOLAN appeared yesterday to backtrack on his claim that it was time to overhaul the rules governing MPs' connections with commercial lobbyists.

Last week, on the third day of the inquiry into standards of public life, he said the evidence already taken indicated that tighter rules were needed on MPs' connections with lobbyists.

Yesterday the former Transport Secretary John MacGregor, who was giving evidence during the second week of the inquiry's public hearings, expressed surprise that conclusions had been arrived at so quickly. "It seems to be highly unusual when you have only just started taking oral evidence," he said.

Lord Nolan replied that he had said nothing that "suggested any conclusions had been reached". Last week, however, he said: "It seems plain from the evidence so far that the rules on MPs' connections with lobbyists need to be tightened up." In the same statement, he added: "It is also clear that we need to consider in detail the possible introduction of an independent element into Parliament's current arrangements for self-regulation."

Mr MacGregor defended the Government against allegations that it had been improperly influenced by Decision Makers, a parliamentary lobbying firm, over the choice of Ebbsfleet in Kent for the site of the intermediate station for the Channel Tunnel rail link. He said that lobbyists had no preferential access to government.

He insisted, however, that MPs should be free to work for organisations outside Parliament. Such interests provided them with valuable experience and mitigated the disadvantages of a precarious career.

John Witherow, editor of the *Sunday Times*, was asked to justify his paper's use of subterfuge in the cash-for-questions affair. In July, the paper reported that two of the 20 MPs approached by a reporter posing as a businessman were prepared to take £1,000 to ask a parliamentary question.

Asked whether he had uncovered a problem or used "entrapment to bring it about", he said that the paper had begun the investigation after being told by a businessman that the cash-for-questions practice was prevalent.

The hearing continues today.

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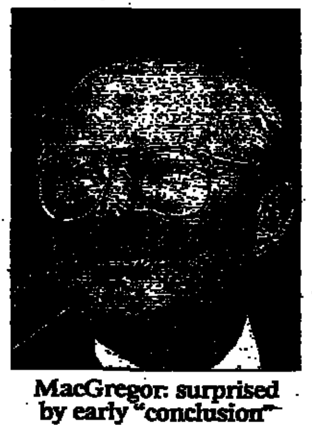
MacGregor: surprised by early "conclusion"

Help for disabled will cost £1.3bn

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

THE Government's measures to combat discrimination against the disabled will cost businesses and service providers £1.3 billion to implement, MPs were told yesterday.

William Hague, Minister for the Disabled, said that businesses were already apprehensive about the Disability Discrimination Bill, which will introduce new rights of access for the disabled. Opening the second reading debate on the Bill, he said: "It is utterly wrong that disabled people are restricted or excluded from some aspects of life." But he warned MPs that there would be a hefty price.

The Bill will make it unlawful for employers with 20 or more staff to discriminate against the disabled and will set up a National Disability Council to advise ministers on eliminating discrimination.

Mr Hague confirmed that providers of services would have to change any policy, practice or procedure that makes it impossible or "unreasonably difficult" for disabled people to make use of those services. Some parts of the measure would come into force in spring next year but the minister proposed a five to ten-year phasing-in period for other aspects requiring physical alterations to be made.

Tom Clarke, the Shadow Minister for the Disabled, denounced the Bill as a "public relations exercise". He said the Government had been forced to produce it after it killed off last year's backbench Civil Rights Disabled Persons' Bill. That private Bill has been revived by Harry Barnes, Labour MP for Derbyshire North East, and Mr Clarke said the Opposition would support it.

Mr Hague said: "The reason why the maximum cost of the Government's proposal can be estimated at around £1.3 billion is that, unlike the so-called Civil Rights Bill, it is not open-ended and is a realistic goal for business."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to education ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by the introduction of a ten-minute rule Bill on Community Care (Rights to Mental Health Services). There was also a second reading debate on the Government's Disability Discrimination Bill. The Lords gave a second reading to the Government's Pensions Bill.

TODAY: MPs sit on a Wednesday morning for the first time under the new Jopling reforms of Commons business for a series of private member's debates that will be followed by Scottish questions, a ten-minute rule Bill on Pensions (Divorce) and the second day of the committee stage of the Finance Bill. In the Lords, debates on the Prison Service and accidents at sea will be followed by the second reading of the Human Rights Bill.

Yeltsin's 'Rasputin' carves out power base in Kremlin

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S powerful security chief, Major-General Aleksandr Korzhakov, has been secretly laying the foundations for a private army of crack troops to carry out the Kremlin's orders throughout Russia.

This was one of the most alarming revelations to emerge about the unchallenged rise of the shadowy figures who run the Kremlin. Documents published yesterday revealed that the general appeared to be creating a shadow government with its own military and civilian administration.

According to *Izvestia*, his most ambitious project proposes the creation of a "National Guard" under his personal command. Its function would be to ensure that the Kremlin's interests were protected throughout Russia.

"By stationing the National Guard throughout the whole territory, the forces loyal to the President will have the chance to keep an eye on and influence the situation in the regions," the document said. It also hinted that the force could be used to impose a military-style government if the leadership were ever challenged.

"The National Guard can be the armed force which would defend the interests of the President of the Russian Federation in the event of a political crisis in the country," it said.

The move confirmed the extraordinary rise of the burly former Soviet KGB officer who was assigned a decade ago to protect Mr Yeltsin when he arrived as Moscow's Communist Party boss. Since then the two men have become inseparable. General Korzhakov not only runs the President's office and decides whom he meets and what he reads, but also plays tennis with him regularly and rarely leaves his side.

His sinister role in the affairs of state, which many compare to that of Rasputin, was confirmed last month. First, his heavily armed security men arrested and beat up members of a leading bank in Moscow connected to President Yeltsin's political rival. Then, it was revealed that he had written a critical letter to Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, complaining about policy on oil quotas.

Last week, the normally secretive general said in his first important interview that he was not involved in politics. He nevertheless attacked Russia's liberals, supported the war in Chechenia and threatened a leading banker.

Vyacheslav Nikonov, a member of the Duma, the lower house of parliament, who is serving on a committee investigating the causes of the Chechen conflict, said that General Korzhakov had already gone some way to establishing a "Praetorian Guard" in the Kremlin. "I think this National Guard has already been created — he already has 30,000 men under his control," Mr Nikonov said. "This proposal is simply aimed at increasing the size of his forces."

Korzhakov: never far away from President

The presidential security service was created in 1992 and inherited the functions of the former KGB's Ninth Directorate, responsible for the security of the Communist Party. However, under General Korzhakov's command, the service expanded rapidly from a few thousand bodyguards into a small army. It now includes the anti-terrorist Alpha Group and also has under its command an airborne regiment and a mechanised infantry brigade.

In addition, the presidential security chief has also expanded his civil administration. As well as controlling a press and information section, he has created his own analytical department staffed by an estimated 100 former KGB officers who produce briefing papers and reports for Mr Yeltsin.

The latest allegations against the shadowy officials, who effectively control the day to day running of the Kremlin, has reinforced the widespread view that Mr Yeltsin will soon have to choose between returning to a democratic process of government or commiting himself to dictatorial rule.

Russian kills Russian in merciless Grozny shelling

From Anthony Loyd in Grozny

I SAW more Russians murdered by their fellow Russians in Grozny yesterday.

The incoming fire was no worse than usual: it is usually heavy. The detonations roared and crashed across the south of the city as two photographers, a film cameraman and myself, sheltered on the ground floor of a stone building. We were alerted by the shouts of Vera, a young Russian woman, calling to us from the street outside.

Considering the horror that she had just come from she was remarkably composed. Shock anaesthetises some people this way.

Her statement to us was simple: "Our house is hit ... There are many dead and wounded."

We ran with her across the edge of an open park. From the corner of Derbentskaya street two women emerged dragging a bloody bundle on a sledge.One of them began to scream hysterically, shaking at us a man's severed leg which she held in her right hand. On the sled another leg dragged its bloody wake in the snow. There was worse to come.

Fire from a Russian battery had hit the roof and yard of the house behind. At least two rounds had exploded in the street outside, among a group of elderly Russians.

The place looked like a slaughterhouse. Blood, flesh and body parts were strewn across the ice, blackened by the blast of the shells, and corpses were tossed across the pavement and street.

I stepped slowly towards the nearest body that was lying face-down. One of his legs was missing, the other was barely attached to his body. He looked up at me suddenly. "My legs, oh my God, my legs," he moaned quietly, his wrinkled old face creasing in pain.

Inside the house a beautiful Russian girl lay dead by the stove on which she had been cooking. Unlike the others, she seemed untouched by the blast. A small kitten sat beside her, mewing pathetically.

Death is coming like this to hundreds of people in Grozny, most of them Russian civilians. The corpses give the lie to official statements from Moscow, which contend that since the Presidential Palace's "capture", shelling has been light.

The truth is that the fighting is heavy and the shellfire intense. Artillery barrages have, if anything, increased since the fall of the palace last week.

The Russian gunners are operating with total disregard for humanitarian principles and killing their own people en masse as a result, in salvoes on a scale I have never seen before.

For the wounded lying in the ruins there is no place of safety, no morphine, and very few bandages. The dead are just left to rot.

As we left Derbentskaya Street yesterday, running for our lives, the Russian corpses were still lying where we had found them. They are no doubt still there.

Moscow asks EU to help in disposal of nuclear arms

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

RUSSIA yesterday asked for help from the European Union in helping to dispose safely of nuclear weapons and waste from its ageing submarines.

At a conference in Brussels Sergei Chetagurov, a Deputy Minister responsible for coordinating help after natural disasters, said that Moscow was worried by the "serious environmental consequences" of the unused nuclear fuel on hundreds of submarines. "I call on the European Union to join my ministry in an effort to identify affordable and safe nuclear storage options and to help prevent major disasters while we can," he said.

He also gave a warning that the *Komsomolets*, a nuclear submarine now leaking radioactive material in the Norwegian Sea, would need further emergency action this year to prevent major pollution. In the past Russia has been accused of dumping nuclear waste in the Barents Sea and the Sea of Japan, and has been sharply criticised for its previous cavalier attitude to pollution by decaying nuclear reactors.

However, Mr Chetagurov warned the conference, sponsored by the Komsolets Foundation, of the vast scale of potential pollution. He said 120 decommissioned nuclear submarines were now lying in shallow harbours, all with burnt-up nuclear fuel on board. In five years time there would be 150 submarines whose fuel needed to be disposed of. He said a Soviet nuclear submarine wrecked off the coast of Bermuda needed urgent attention.

Scandinavia has long warned of the potential disaster from the *Komsomolets* which sank off the coast of Norway in 1989. I.D. Spassky, the designer of the ill-fated ship who attended the conference, said Norwegian, Dutch and American experts had plugged the torpedo tubes and had tried to fill the bow section of the ship with plastic last summer in an effort to contain the leaking plutonium.

The conference focused especially on Russian waste, but also heard allegations that the West has dumped 127,000 tonnes of toxic chemicals from disused chemical weapons after the Second World War in the Baltic, the White Sea, the Irish Sea and the western end of the Channel.

Bosnia envoys try to bypass deadline

From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

STYMIED by a long-standing impasse in peace talks on Bosnia, the five-nation Contact Group negotiating team arrived in Sarajevo yesterday to try to extricate themselves from the ultimatum they delivered to the two parties in July, and reopen talks on their peace plan.

Presented in July as a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer, the five countries — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and America — put forward a programme of punishments and rewards to encourage accepting the plan. The Bosnian Government signed and the Serbs refused but the Contact Group has had second thoughts about carrying through their stronger threats.

Yesterday the five diplomats met members of the Bosnian Government and then drove to the Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale, seeking a compromise that allows the negotiations to restart without the Serbs having to accept the plan which divides the country along ethnic lines.

Firemen rescue two women after floods swept through their retirement home in Redon, western France.

Three die as French suffer worst floods for 150 years

More rain was forecast for the west coast yesterday, threatening to worsen flooding that has already devastated towns and farms across southwestern and northern regions. At least three people have been killed in flood-related accidents. The heaviest rain for 150 years disrupted transport, polluted drinking water, forced residents in towns and the countryside to evacuate their homes and caused widespread damage, officials said. In Paris, the Seine rose, closing walkways and roads along its banks. Many roads were blocked around the capital.

In Toulouse, six inches of rain fell on the hardest-hit portions of Brittany and western France in four days, a 150-year record. Two more inches was forecast for the northeast. *(Reuter)*

Cocaine worth £200m on tanker

From Edward Owen in Madrid

SPANISH customs agents seized three tonnes of cocaine, with a street value of £200 million, after a mid-Atlantic gun battle yesterday.

Twenty-one smugglers were arrested when the agents boarded a Panamanian registered oil tanker. At one point yesterday a Spanish police assault force from the Special Operations Group (GEO), the equivalent of Britain's SAS, was standing by to be flown out to tackle three armed men who had locked themselves in the ship's hold, but the men later surrendered.

A total of 14 men on the tanker, the *Archangelos*, were arrested after it had been boarded in international waters near the Canary Islands, where it is now expected to call before reaching the Spanish mainland.

The cocaine seizure was one of the biggest by the Spanish authorities, who used 20 customs agents and 80 national policeman in "Operation Matorral" on land and sea.

Six more arrests were made in Pontevedra, in northwestern province of Galicia, where the vessel was due to dock. Another suspect was detained in Tarragona, near Barcelona.

Spanish agents had watched the smuggling operation for two months and had seen the drug being loaded in Colombia for shipment to Spain, a main route for the drug to Europe.

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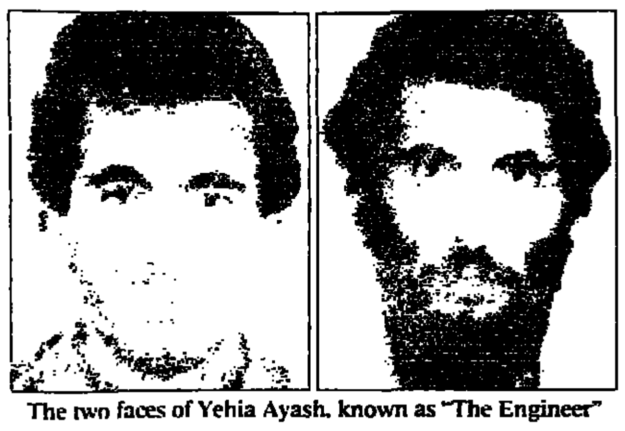
Manhunt stepped up for suspected Palestinian mastermind behind bombs



The two faces of Yehia Ayash, known as "The Engineer"

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli security forces have launched one of the most intensive manhunts in the history of the Jewish state for a 29-year-old Palestinian, Yehia Ayash, who is suspected of masterminding the suicide car bombs that have killed 56 people and wounded more than 200 in the past 18 months.

Known in Hebrew and Arabic as "The Engineer", Mr Ayash, who studied electrical engineering at Bir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank, is believed to have become an expert bomb maker on a trip to Iran three years ago.

After Sunday's double suicide attack near Netanya that killed 19 young Jews and both bombers, the Tel Aviv daily *Maariv* published a photograph of Mr Ayash under the headline: "Where is he hiding?"

Senior Israeli security sources said yesterday that he was believed to be living under cover in the West Bank, where he has become a legend among Palestinian militants who claim that be often travels disguised as a Jewish settler wearing a *yamulke* and a false beard.

As well as manufacturing the lethal suicide devices, Mr Ayash, who was a member of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, during his time at Bir Zeit is also claimed by Israeli intelligence to have planned last year's bombings in the Israeli towns of Afula, Hadera and Tel Aviv, and to have trained the bombers. Like those who carried out Sunday's attack, the suicide bombers were usually young Palestinian bachelors aged between 18 and 25.

"Dead or alive, this man will be caught," an Israeli army source said. He noted that Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which often work in unison, had only a limited amount of high explosive and that attempts to acquire more would put their activists in jeopardy.

False sightings of "The Engineer" are commonplace in Israel, but Palestinian sources maintain that he rarely goes there. A trade mark of his explosive devices is that they can be concealed under clothing and detonated amid large, unsuspecting crowds of Jews like those at Beit Lid junction on Sunday morning.

According to a profile of suicide bombers by the Israeli security services, they are usually young men from poor homes. They tend to be fanatical Muslims who have been in Israeli prisons or are members of families with close relatives killed by the Israelis during the Intifada. Many are considered to be under personal stress.

One senior Israeli officer said that intensive training was under way to teach personnel used to more conventional terrorists to counter the Muslim suicide attackers. At least 50 are believed available to carry out further attacks.

"It is not just a case of going in and hitting them," the officer said. "This is also what I would term 'a cultural war', and it has to be fought in a different way."

Israel to keep Jews and Arabs apart with fence

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SENIOR Israeli officials announced controversial plans yesterday for a "separation fence" to divide Jews from Arabs in the West Bank. At the same time public pressure was increasing for an end to the peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A new opinion poll showed only 37 per cent of Israelis in favour of continuing the talks. The poll, conducted by the respected Motgim Institute in the wake of Sunday's suicide attack in which 19 Jews were killed, was a serious blow for Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister. It showed that 50 per cent of Israelis agree with President Weizman's call for an immediate end to negotiations: 10 per cent of respondents were "don't knows" and 3 per cent refused to reply.

The fence proposal is being put forward to try to defuse the wave of anti-Arab feeling among ordinary Israelis. Senior ministers disclosed that the fence, and other separation proposals, would be considered by a new committee to be set up at next Sunday's Cabinet meeting. It will report within two months at most.

Even such leading Cabinet doves as Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, and Yossi Sarid, the Environment Minister, expressed support for the plan which, according to press leaks, will cost 700 million shekels (£152 million) and take a year to complete. "Without separation, it is doubtful that we can ever achieve good neighbourly relations," said Mr Sarid, a member of Israel's negotiating team with the PLO. "Without separation, friction between us and the Palestinians will only grow.

"The fence will be for security, of course. But it will also be a demographic fence to divide us from them."

The length of the border is about 90 miles. There is at present no proper demarcation line other than Israeli army road blocks. The so-called Green Line is notoriously porous, with many Palestinians daily crossing it illegally. Construction of a border fence around the Gaza Strip has already begun.

The first hint of the new separation policy came last year after a Tel Aviv bus bomb killed 22 Jews. Then, in a rare emergency broadcast to the nation on Monday night, Mr Rabin said: "The path on which the Government is going, the way which wants to bring about an end to the rule over other people, must bring about separation, and not based on the pre-1967 borders. Jerusalem will remain united forever, and the security border of the State of Israel will be on the Jordan."

Senior political sources quoted by *Haaretz*, the leading Hebrew paper, said the fence would be set up inside the West Bank rather than along the pre-1967 frontier. Incorporated on the Israeli side would be Arab east Jerusalem, settlement suburbs on occupied land around the city, settlements in the Gush Etzion block south of Bethlehem, and settlements along the Green Line in the area of the Palestinian towns of Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.

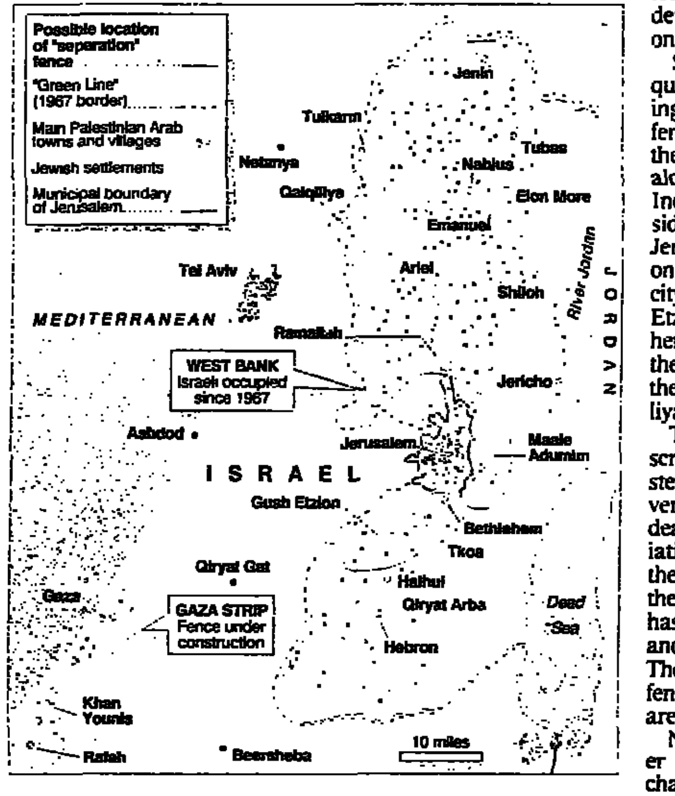
The planned fence, described by some critics as a step on the way to an Israeli version of apartheid and the death knell of ideas of reconciliation expressed at the time of the signing of the accord with the PLO only 16 months ago, has infuriated Palestinians and hardline Jewish settlers. The Palestinians claim the fence can be viable only if they are given a Palestinian State.

Nabil Shaath, senior adviser to Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said that without the creation of a Palestinian state, separation "really means closure, which means siege and prison to the Palestinians".

Palestinians view any new physical barriers as an Israeli land grab and an attempt to pre-empt the final status negotiations on territory, including east Jerusalem, that are to begin next year. Samir Abdullah, head of a PLO aid agency, said: "If Israel is really serious about peace, there is no need for a fence or new measures."

Jewish settlers, most of whom would be trapped on the Arab side of the fence, which will be guarded by dogs and army patrols, dismissed the idea as a desperate attempt by Mr Rabin to regain credibility. "You cannot build a Berlin Wall," said Yehudit Tayar, spokeswoman for the council representing 144 settlements. "You cannot cut the country into pieces and say that is security."

In a new crackdown against Islamic militants, Israel has arrested more than 60 activists in the West Bank over the past two days. In the Gaza Strip, plainclothes Palestinian policemen yesterday briefly detained Shaikh Abdullah al-Shami, spiritual leader of Islamic Jihad, as he attended a celebratory wake for one of the two Arab suicide bombers who died in Sunday's attack.



America freezes 'terrorist' assets

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday issued an executive order freezing the American assets of 12 groups and 18 individuals suspected of terrorism and undermining the Middle East peace process.

The order, which also sought to restrict charitable donations to such groups in the United States, came in the aftermath of an Islamic suicide bombing last weekend which killed 18 soldiers and a civilian in Israel and left scores of others wounded. Among the groups named were Islamic Jihad, which claimed responsibility for the attack in central Israel; Hamas, Hezbollah, Abu Nidal, Black September, the Fatah Revolutionary Council, Kach, the PLF and the Islamic Group.

Individuals named were Abu Abbas, director of the Palestine Liberation Front, Abu Nidal, Shaikh Muhammad Husain Fadlallah, leading ideologue of Hezbollah, and Ahmad Jibril, secretary general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The blind cleric Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman, leader of the Islamic Group, currently on trial in New York for the bombing of the World Trade Centre, was also identified.

Such restrictions have never been imposed on the IRA.

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Anti-abortion protesters march through Washington en route for the Supreme Court

Pro-life marchers mark legal landmark

Washington: Thousands of anti-abortion protesters marched from the White House to the Supreme Court, chanting prayers, shouting slogans and waving white crosses in an annual protest against the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"Rejoice, rejoice: my mom was not pro-choice," many shouted as they walked through central Washington. "Abortion is not and never will be respectable," the march organiser, Nellie Gray, who is also president of March for Life Inc., said at a rally near the White House. "No one has the right to murder with impunity."

The marchers then knelt on the steps of the Supreme Court to pray as police in riot gear surveyed the crowd, estimated at 45,000. Later, 39 protesters were arrested after blocking a government building to demonstrate against foetal tissue research.

Activists on both sides were holding rallies, prayer vigils and demonstrations to mark Sunday's anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling. Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, said the protesters were creating an atmosphere likely to provoke more shootings at abortion US and Canadian clinics, where four people were killed last year. *(AP)*

Kennedys mourn matriarch

BY TOM RHODES

THE funeral of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, matriarch of an American political dynasty, was held yesterday at the Boston church where she had been baptised 104 years before.

In a prolonged day of mourning, relatives had gathered at the family compound at Hyannis Port, on Cape Cod where Mrs Kennedy had died earlier this week from a pneumonia-related infection.

A procession, including Senator Edward Kennedy, the only surviving son, daughters Patricia Kennedy Lawford, Jean Kennedy Smith, the US Ambassador to Ireland, and Eunice Kennedy Shriver joined 28 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren for the 70-mile journey to Old St Stephen's Church in the North End of Boston.

Mrs Kennedy was buried privately at Holyhood Cemetery next to her husband Joseph, who died in 1969.

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Clinton seeks favour with call to raise minimum wage

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON was taking a political gamble last night by including a call for an increased minimum wage in a State of the Union speech that was widely portrayed as his last best chance to put his presidency back on track.

In seeking to raise the minimum wage from $4.25 (£2.70) to $5 an hour over the next two years, Mr Clinton was seeking favour with the working poor and bolstering his support among core Democratic constituencies. He is anxious to avert a challenge for the Democrats' 1996 presidential nomination.

But the President ran the risk of undermining the much broader purpose of his nationally televised address to Congress, which was to re-establish himself as a centrist, forward-looking "New Democrat" fighting for middle-class interests.

Indeed, White House officials deliberately leaked word of the wage proposal in advance in the hope that it would be old news by the time Mr Clinton spoke and not distract from his wider message. They said that Mr Clinton would mention the proposal only briefly, and portrayed it as a way of encouraging work not welfare.

Republicans contend that raising the minimum wage actually prices low-income workers out of jobs. Dick Armey, the new Republican House leader, promised to resist Mr Clinton's proposal and his party seemed certain to cite it as evidence that for all his centrist rhetoric the president remains a "Big Government" liberal.

The Republicans were planning a major counter-offensive to blunt the impact.

In a break with tradition the official response was being delivered by Christine Todd Whitman, the New Jersey governor and rising Republican star. She was chosen as a symbol of how the Republicans' are devolving power to the states, and how they are keeping their promises. On Monday Mrs Whitman announced she would fulfil her 1993 election pledge of a 30 per cent income tax reduction a year ahead of schedule.

The Republican House leadership was distributing "talking points" to its congressmen so they could respond instantly and in unison to Mr Clinton's address. The party was paying for satellite time so they could personally address their constituents. Elaborate arrangements were being made for conservative radio talk show hosts to broadcast from Capitol Hill or talk directly to top Republicans.

Mr Clinton will seek to capitalise on his address with an appearance in Pennsylvania today, while Cabinet members will fan out across the country.

In fact, attention is likely to switch rapidly to the Republicans' congressional agenda, with the House beginning debate today on the single most radical proposal in Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America", a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced federal budget.

US colonel and son survive nine days eating snow

FROM REUTER IN BOLU, TURKEY

AN AMERICAN airman and his ten-year-old son, who were given up for dead in mountains in Turkey, were found safe yesterday after surviving on snow for nine days.

"I thought we were going to die if they didn't find us this morning. I was elated," Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Couillard, 37, said from his hospital bed.

He and his son, Matthew, sheltered in an icy crevice in sub-zero temperatures, police said. The pair were rescued by villagers in Bolu, northwestern Turkey. They found the exhausted officer in a forestry hut near their shelter.

More than 500 US and Turkish troops, backed by infra-red cameras and Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopters, had failed to find any trace of them during a weeklong search. The hunt was called off on Sunday, when they were given up for dead.

"Both of them are fine but the boy has a slight problem with his foot," Dr Feridun Sagiroglu said after examining them. Doctors said they were amazed the two had survived by eating only snow in the freezing temperatures. "It is medically impossible for them to survive for nine days," said one. Colonel Couillard, smiling and dressed in a tracksuit, said he left his son in the crevice two days ago and skied down towards log cabins in the distance to raise the alarm.

"Unfortunately there were no people there and I didn't have any energy to move," he said. He was found by a forestry worker and villagers at the cabin yesterday.

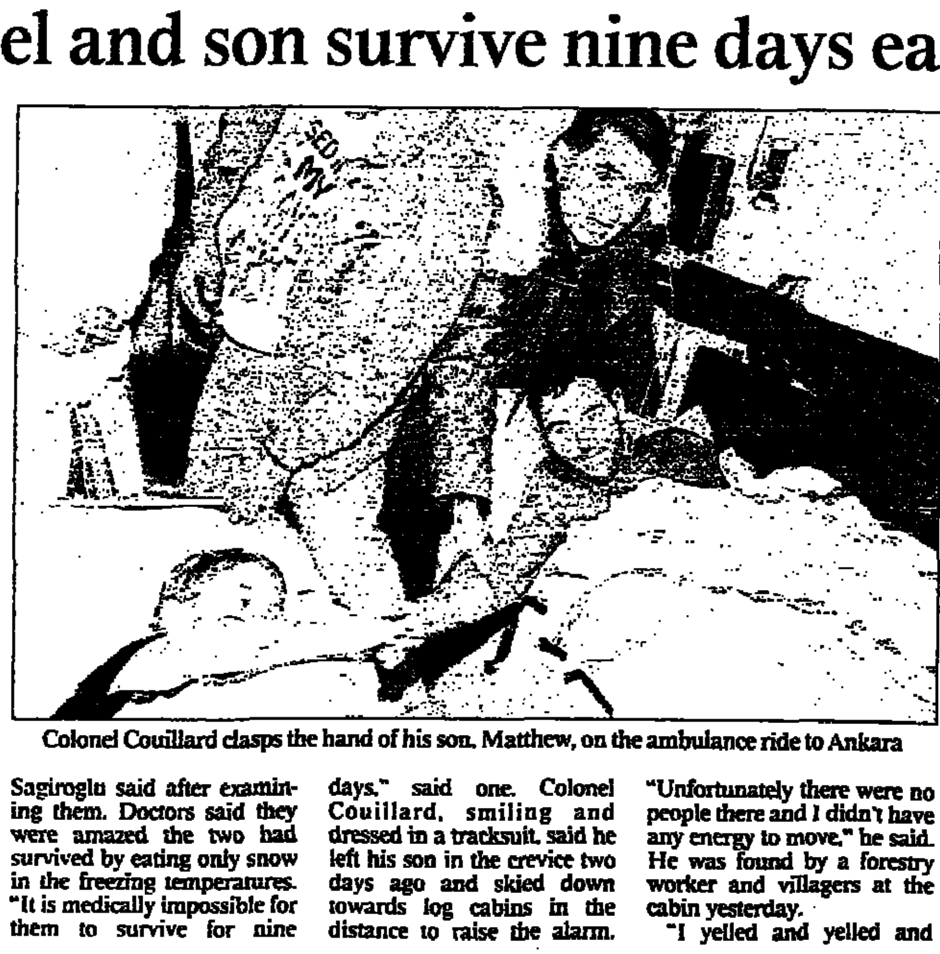
"I yelled and yelled and fortunately the people saw me. As soon as they saw me I yelled again and they came," he said.

The rescuers then climbed to the crevice and pulled out his son. The pair were found about nine miles from the Kartalkaya ski resort, where they had become lost in fog on the 6,000-ft mountains during a Boy Scout ski trip on January 15.

Colonel Couillard, who was stationed at a joint military base in Ankara, had received wilderness survival training. Authorities said at the weekend that they expected troops to return to Kartalkaya to find the bodies of the missing pair when the snows melted.

Istanbul police arrested a Turk last week suspected of making hoax telephone calls claiming the pair had been abducted by Lebanese guerrillas. Officials also dismissed a series of telephone claims that the pair were being held by pro-Iranian guerrillas.

"We are overjoyed by this good news," the US Embassy said in a statement after the rescue.



Colonel Couillard clasps the hand of his son, Matthew, on the ambulance ride to Ankara

'Suicide' of Kobe water chief as city struggles to cope

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

TAKASHI NAKANISHI, the official responsible for restoring water supplies to the earthquake-devastated city of Kobe has apparently committed suicide by jumping from a fourth-storey window.

Mr Nakanishi, 37, who headed Kobe's water supply operations department, was found dead in front of his office building by colleagues yesterday morning. His death is the first reported suicide in Kobe since the quake struck western Japan a week ago.

The Cabinet yesterday declared the once-vibrant city a disaster zone. This means that the Government has effectively shouldered the huge costs of rebuilding.

Also yesterday, the Finance Ministry announced that it would reduce income tax for earthquake victims by between 25 and 100 per cent, depending on the extent of the damage to their property. If the cost of repair, after insurance payouts are deducted, is more than the taxpayer's income, no tax will be due for the current financial year.

Shocked local government officials said yesterday that Mr Nakanishi's death was a reflection of the extreme duress under which the authorities had worked to restore basic services and cope with the refugee crisis after the disaster.

Mr Nakanishi had been working almost without cease, directing about 1,000 staff in efforts to restore Kobe's water supply. "But repairs have not been progressing smoothly," a senior official of the Kobe water department said. Cracked and broken pipes have also caused new leaks throughout the city's western region. Households and factories far beyond the immediate disaster area have also had their supplies disrupted, a government spokesman said in Tokyo.

The earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter scale, caused at least 5,063 deaths and destroyed more than 50,000 buildings in Kobe and surrounding areas. Last night, 68 people were listed as still missing and 26,508 injured.

At least 20 per cent of the big office buildings in the city centre that survived the quake were yesterday deemed to be unfit for use because of quake damage.

Severe water shortages and prolonged delays in restoring supplies have been criticised in the past week. Many critics blamed the extensive damage to buildings, and some deaths, on the water shortages that hampered firefighters for four days after the quake.

Now, the water shortages have generated fresh fears of disease as rotting rubbish piles up in the streets and about 370,000 survivors in makeshift refuges complain about the lack of water for showers and lavatories.

More than half the 650,000 households in Kobe city are still without water, and supplies have been disrupted to companies in the region, forcing factories to suspend operations. Some households and factories, although they continued to receive water immediately after the quake, complained on Monday that their supplies had been shut off days later.

City officials are also being blamed for the build-up of rubbish and for delays in fully restoring electricity, gas, telephone and transport services. Adding to their problems is the grim question of dealing with thousands of bodies which are decomposing rapidly because of the lack of chilling facilities in makeshift mortuaries.

Bodies are being cremated in accordance with Japanese tradition. However, crematoria are operating at full capacity and it is expected to take a month or more to dispose of all the bodies, said Masayuki Takahashi, who is the chief cremator at the Hiyodori Funeral Hall, the city's largest crematorium. "We are trying to cremate as many bodies as possible each day, but requests for cremation are already well beyond our capacity," he said.

Gaddafi condemned for hurtful remarks

Tokyo: Japan is to make a formal protest over remarks by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, that the earthquake which killed more than ,000 people was "divine punishment" for Japan's ties to the United States.

On Monday, Libya's official JANA news agency quoted Colonel Gaddafi as saying that the earthquake was "certainly and undoubtedly a divine punishment ... Japan used to hurry to donate its resources for the benefit of the Satanic resolutions of America against any nation that America decided to suffocate. Japan provided the hanging noose with its money and with its economic resources."

Terusuke Terada, a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Tokyo, said Japan would lodge a formal protest with the Libyan Government through its embassy in Tripoli.

"Colonel Gaddafi's statement severely hurts the relatives of the victims of the earthquake disaster and is grotesquely lacking in international common sense," Mr Terada said.

Canadian salmon kill power project

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN VANCOUVER

THE Government of British Columbia is scrapping a massive hydroelectric project because of a threat to dwindling salmon stocks.

The half-built Kemano Completion Project was an environmental disaster waiting to happen, Mike Harcourt, the Premier, said yesterday. He compared its potential impact with the devastating collapse of the Atlantic cod fishery. "We won't take that chance," he said.

The unfinished £915-million Alcan Smelters and Chemicals project to power the company's aluminium smelter at Kitimat, will remain a giant hole in a northwestern mountain, Mr Harcourt said.

"The Fraser River system is the heart and soul of our province and we'll take action over the coming months to ensure it is never again sold out from the people and communities who depend on it for their way of life," he said.

Montreal-based Alcan released a statement saying it was disappointed with the decision and wanted to discuss the matter with provincial and federal government officials. Analysts have said that the aluminium giant could seek compensation for its £376-million investment in the project so far, as well as for lost future profits. Mr Harcourt said the federal Government would have primary responsibility for any compensation to Alcan.

"This is just one more signal that business is not wanted in British Columbia," said Gary Livingstone, president of the B.C. Mining Association.

Environmentalists, fishermen and tribal leaders were thrilled with the resolution of their decade-long fight against one of the largest private construction projects in Canadian history. But community leaders were furious in Kitimat, 400 miles northwest of Vancouver. About one in three of the city's 12,000 residents works for Alcan.

A tearful Kris Aquino apologises on television for causing a family scandal

Family affair besets Aquinos

Manila: Corazon Aquino, former President of the Philippines, is prepared to be reconciled with her daughter Kris, an actress, only if she breaks off with the married man who made her pregnant, a family source said here yesterday.

The source, who asked not to be identified, was commenting on Miss Aquino's tearful appearance on national television on Monday night when she apologised for causing a family scandal. Sobbing before millions of viewers, she said she had no regrets about becoming pregnant by a man twice her age.

Miss Aquino, 23, has been estranged from her family since November, when she left home to live with Philip Salvador, an actor who has two children by his legal wife and a third by another woman. Filipinos generally accept extramarital affairs by men, but the spectacle of a daughter of a former President known for her rigid moral standards publicly admitting being a married man's mistress has provoked national debate.

Miss Aquino compounded her personal problems when she invited Ferdinand "Bong Bong" Marcos Jr, a congressman and son of the late authoritarian ruler, on her television chat show and the two gave each other a friendly kiss. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Basque deputy mourned

Thousands of people stood outside city halls and observed five minutes silence at midday yesterday in protest at the killing on Monday by an Eta terrorist of Gregorio Ordóñez, San Sebastian's most popular politician, who was expected to be elected mayor in May on behalf of the right-wing Popular Party (Edward Owen writes).

His main opposition was a candidate from Herri Batasuna, the political wing of Eta. Yesterday the Basque separatist party was the only one not to condemn the assassination, although a party spokeswoman in the Basque parliament broke ranks to voice her "personal" disgust.

Plot scrambled

Saint Brieuc: Ian Ferguson, 49, a British company director has been jailed in absentia for three years after he was found guilty of swindling a dozen French egg producers out of about £625,000. *(AFP)*

Change of heart

Paris: Simone Veil, the French Social Affairs Minister who survived Auschwitz and had declined to attend ceremonies to mark its liberation, has agreed to represent France after all. *(Reuter)*

Two freed

Freetown: Sierra Leone rebels freed a Russian and a Sierra Leone national, raising hopes for the release of Robert D'Cruz and Calum Murray, British aid workers seized in November. *(Reuter)*

Hope for Deng

Hong Kong: Doctors caring for Deng Xiaoping, 90, China's ailing leader, say they can keep him alive for at least three to four months, the *South China Morning Post* reported. *(Reuter)*

Dhaka blasts

Dhaka: Two small bombs exploded on the motorcade route of Begum Khalida Zia, Bangladesh's Prime Minister, during a half-day strike called by opposition parties. No one was hurt. *(Reuter)*

King reinstated

Maseru: After five years in exile, Moshoeshoe II will regain Lesotho's throne today when his son, Letsie III, abdicates. Letsie staged a coup last year aimed at having him reinstated. *(AFP)*

Fire water

London: A former nuclear power station in the Crimea has been converted to a vodka bottling plant after other conversion projects, such as clothing and fish factories, were rejected. *(AFP)*

Dissent signals delays for South Africa constitution

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Afrian politicians yesterday began the task of drawing up aconstitution to replace the iterim version hammered ot before last year's election.

Cyril Ramaposa, the secretary-general c the African National Congess and chairman of the Constitutional Assembly, toldmembers that the job is expeced be completed by May 196, but dissent was soon appaent.

It was clear fom MPs that a key difference divides the Government of National Unity. National Partymembers want enforced power-sharing to continue after the next election in 1999, while ANC members want the part that wins the most votes to rule. "Some form of power-sharing is a necessity for South Africa," insisted André Fourie, a former National Party minister. Johnny de Lange, a senior ANC member, jeered at Mr Fourie: "You can take the word power-sharing, write it on your tummy, and cover it with a wet cloth, for you will never see it again."

The militants of the Pan Africanist Congress wanted to go even further, discarding unalterable principles built into the present constitution. Richard Sizani, of the PAC, declared that the principles fettered the masses in the interests of privileged groups.

Thabo Mbeki, acting president in the absence of President Mandela, opened the debate by calling for a constitution that restored the rights of people who had been exploited by apartheid; returned land to those deprived of it under apartheid; ensured affairs of state were non-racial, and ensured a representative and independent judiciary.

Roelf Meyer, the National Party Minister of Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs in the coalition Cabinet, asked that the power of the provinces be governed by the principle of subsidiarity, devolving power to the lowest possible level compatible with efficiency.

The Inkatha Freedom Party is lobbying for a federal constitution. "It is," said L. P. H. M. Mtshali, "the only system that will work. The new constitution must break the mould of this centralism and authoritarianism."

Public opinion will also been sought. Advertisements are being prepared, calling for submissions.

☐ **Delhi:** President Mandela arrived in Delhi at the start of a state visit yesterday, saying he wanted to strengthen ties with India. Mr Mandela, wearing dark glasses and accompanied by a granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, was met by Salman Khursheed, the junior Foreign Minister. *(Reuter)*

Ramaphosa: expects job to be completed by 1996

Mbeki: wants people's rights restored

Singapore leader renews threat to critics

Singapore: Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's Prime Minister, warned critics of his Government to expect a "very, very hard blow" in return. "I think that's fair," he added. "If you land us a blow on our jaw, you must expect a counter-blow on your solar plexus."

His outburst on Monday night was the fourth time in less than two months that he has said that he will not tolerate criticism that undermines the authority of the Government. Singapore's ruling People's Action Party, in power since 1959, is unused to criticism, and appeared unsettled when Catherine Lim, a local author, wrote a critical article last November 20. She said the Government seemed to suffer from an internal conflict between Mr Goh's people-orientated approach and the sterner no-nonsense style of his predecessor, Lee Kuan Yew, who still plays a significant role in Government.

Mr Goh said on Monday that people who wanted to criticise the Government must first enter the political arena. He was answering a question by Walter Woon, an independent MP, who wanted to know if it was the Government's policy to silence critics.

Mr Goh replied that the Government welcomed debate, but its response would vary according to the tone and the motive of the critic. "Well-meaning people who put forth their views in a very well-meaning way will receive a very gentle and very well-meaning reply," he said. "But if the tone is sarcastic, the tone aims at undermining respect for the Government, we will return the compliment."

Mr Goh's warnings to potential critics appear intended to continue Mr Lee's legacy of hard-nosed politics that brook no dissent, dishonesty or mediocrity. Mr Lee was in power from 1959 to 1990.

Last week Singapore's high court fined an American scholar for contempt of court because he wrote an article deemed to have criticised the city-state's judiciary. Also fined were executives of the *International Herald Tribune*, which printed the article by Christopher Lingle. *(AP)*

Detained Burmese dissident shuns secret deal as talks stall

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN RANGOON

TALKS between Burma's military rulers and Aung San Suu Kyi, the detained opposition leader, appear to have stalled, analysts said yesterday.

In a statement released by her husband, Michael Aris, an Oxford professor, on his arrival in Bangkok from Rangoon, Daw San Suu Kyi indicated that she would not agree to talks in isolation, but that substantive negotiations must include other pro-democracy leaders.

The junta has so far given no sign that it is ready to talk to any other political opponent but, under international pressure, had trumpeted the meetings with Daw San Suu Kyi, who is now in her sixth year of house arrest. Her carefully-phrased message emphasised tha there would be "no secret deals" with the junta, the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), and that her goal remained the establishment of a "truly democratic political system in Burma".

A source familiar with both sides said contacts to date amounted to little more than a reaffirmation of their respective positions, with the SLORC defending its achievements and Daw San Suu Kyi focusing on democratic principles.

If there is no progress or further meetings, the junta could face increased international pressure, rather than the increased access to international aid and acceptance it has been seeking, analysts said.

But the SLORC might forestall an outcry by allowing the International Committee for the Red Cross to visit political detainees at Insein Prison.

The junta has backed away from releasing Daw San Suu Kyi, the 49-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and has created confusion over the legal basis for her detention as well as the maximum period allowed.

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Foreign army ban for Britons urged

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

LORD Avebury, a leading human rights campaigner, is to propose amending a long-standing law preventing British citizens from enlisting in foreign armies so that British passport holders would also be forbidden to serve in foreign security forces.

His move follows a letter he wrote to Douglas Hogg, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, expressing concern at the employment by the Bahrain Government of Ian Henderson, a British citizen who holds a senior position in the country's security apparatus.

Lord Avebury said that the three Bahraini Shia dissidents, who recently applied for political asylum in Britain, had told him that some people in Bahrain thought that Mr Henderson's role meant that Britain supported the al-Khalifa Government.

"The presence of a British citizen in the top levels of another state's security forces makes it seem as though we officially support their methods of dealing with dissent," Lord Avebury said. "It makes one feel extremely uncomfortable to be associated, however remotely, with the extra-judicial killings, torture and arbitrary detention now being practised in Bahrain."

Lord Avebury intends to consult legal experts in the House of Lords to see how the 1870 Foreign Enlistment Act can be broadened to include serving in foreign security services.

There was a considerable outcry in Britain and elsewhere over the role of Major Bob Astles who was a special adviser to the Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin, and was accused of involvement in thousands of atrocities.

Lord Avebury said in his letter that Shaikh Ali Salman, whose arrest in December sparked widespread demonstrations, was alternately interrogated and beaten while forced to stand from 7am until 8pm on his first day in custody. He was handcuffed during the 22 days in the interrogation centre and then moved to a very small cell.

In a letter to Douglas Hurd, Lord Avebury also asked the Foreign Secretary not to give in to pressure by Shaikh Muhammad al-Khalifa, the Foreign Minister, who arrives here on Friday to discuss the three dissidents' request for asylum.

He asked Mr Hurd to point out to Shaikh al-Khalifa that, according to the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, Bahrain was in breach of its obligations under international law by expelling its own citizens.

The opposition Bahrain Freedom Movement, based in London, said that demonstrations continued last week in several towns and villages in Bahrain, and police used batons and tear gas to break up the crowds. The London-based newspaper *al-Hayat* said that Bahrain had warned Britain that granting asylum to the dissidents might harm relations between the two countries.

A decision will be taken by the Home Office, but the Foreign Office and MI5 can submit their own advice to the Home Secretary.

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The secret life of Rose Kennedy

Nigel Hammond reveals the bitter, disappointed woman behind a carefully cultivated image of saintly devotion

Who is the real Rose Kennedy? And why is any open discussion of the facts of her life considered, among the Kennedys, even today, a form of lèse-majesté?

She was born Rose Elizabeth Fitzgerald in the North End of Boston on July 22, 1890, the eldest child of a brilliant and politically ambitious customs clerk, John F. Fitzgerald. By the time she was five, her father was a U.S. congressman — the only Democrat from Massachusetts.

"Princess Rose" as she was dubbed, truly adored her vivacious and compassionate father. She had, however, inherited his stubborn will. At a Democratic get-together in Maine, in the summer of 1906, when she was 16, she met and fell in love with Joseph P. Kennedy, the overbearing 18-year-old son of Patrick Kennedy, the backroom boss of East Boston.

She bolted the bedroom door for the rest of husband Joe's life

"My father," Rose confessed in her own words, "disapproved of a girl of 16 going around to dances in strange places and meeting people who might cause trouble." He ordered Rose to have nothing to do with Joe. Rose nodded dutifully and arranged secret trysts. Furious, Fitzgerald incarcerated her in a Catholic convent for a year, hoping she would forget her beau and get religion. Rose got religion, but refused to surrender her beau.

In October, 1914, Rose and Joe were married in a private chapel ceremony, attended by only a handful of relatives: a quiet start to one of the most disaster-filled marriages of the century. "Even in the early years of their marriage Joe had a reputation for being a ladies' man," a relative explained, "and some of this gossip must have caught up with Rose." Added to Rose's shattered romantic illusions was her intense loneliness. For in his determination to break out of the Boston-Irish mould and into the Wasp world of high-finance, Joe had insisted that they live in Brookline, a non-Irish suburb. There, in a little clapboard house at the end of an unfinished street, Rose attempted to bring up her son Joe Jr (born nine months after their marriage) on her own, since Joe claimed to be working 18 hours a day at his East Boston Irish bank.

By the beginning of 1920, with a fourth child on the way, Rose decided she could stand it no longer. Plucking up her courage, she ran away from home: an extraordinary act of defiance at the time for a Roman Catholic and daughter of a distinguished politician.

In her memoirs, *Times to Remember*, published in 1974, Rose Kennedy understandably declined to mention her marital and mental breakdown. Returning to her husband in the spring of 1920, she gave birth, over the ensuing 12 years, six more times. But although as a dutiful Irish Catholic she could not deny Joe his rights of procreation, she insisted upon separate bedrooms, and then, after the birth of Edward in 1932, bolted her bedroom door for the rest of Joe's life.

By travelling around the world on her own or with her sister, and spending as little time as possible at home with her husband, Rose was able not only to avoid him, but also to close her eyes and ears to the highly questionable things she saw and heard Kennedy doing on the stock exchange.

In 1926 Joe moved into film production and contented himself with a series of starlets until he met a real star: Gloria Swanson. For Rose, Joe's affair with Swanson would be the nadir of her marriage and of her life. To her few remaining friends, to her children, and to the outside world she had somehow to pretend that the rumours of the relationship were unfounded, while knowing all the while that her husband was besotted by Swanson, and hoped to marry her.

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Rose Kennedy shares a secret with her President son — she left a legacy of silence that stifles the Kennedy family to this day

Years later, in an amazing act of forgiveness following her husband's death, Rose would concoct in her memoirs a fantastic account of her husband's complete innocence in the affair ("reporters mistakenly decided that something was going on between the two of them") — fantastic since Joe never denied the relationship in private, indeed was in the habit, in later years, of boasting of it.

For the most part, however, Rose refused to live with Joe or her children, who were sent away to boarding school. In the six years after Joe's affair with Swanson she went abroad 17 times.

The most memorable chapter of Rose's otherwise sad and stoic life was her 18-month sojourn in London, when Joe's long campaign to be given the US ambassadorship to Britain had finally succeeded. In March 1938, just before Hitler's march into Austria, the Kennedys moved into the official residence in Prince's Gate.

Now, at last, she could not only wear her finery, but cock a snook at those American snobs who had looked down upon her as a parvenu — even encouraging her husband to abolish, as his first ambassadorial act, the presentation of well-to-do American daughters at the royal court, while reserving the privilege for her own daughters and those of the embassy staff.

Rose wore a genuine diamond tiara, attended functions with members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, aristocrats and diplomats. She gave a dinner for the King and Queen and prided herself on her qualities as diplomatic hostess.

Joe had never told her of his illegal financial activities, and she had been careful never to ask; he remained silent about what he was up to as US Ambassador, save that he was urging the Prime Minister, on behalf of America, to make every conceivable concession to Hitler to avoid war.

At the time, however Rose had a fairly shrewd suspicion of what Hitler had in store — indeed she was the first American of eminence to fly the coop when, on September 3, 1939, Chamberlain finally declared war. She ordered berths for herself and her children on the first available liner leaving Britain, an order that had to be countermanded by the State Department lest it become a public scandal.

Within three weeks, however, Rose was safely back in New York. She gave no interviews, did nothing for refugees from England or Europe, and, but for the rise of her second son to political stardom in the post-war era, she would have gone down in history unremarked.

After JFK's assassination Rose settled into her new career as The Late President's Mother. She now gilded interview after interview with her own, illustrious picture of the dynasty, while fiercely competing with Jackie Kennedy for the title of Best Dressed Woman in America.

An examination of Rose's news-cuttings reveals the assiduous way in which she continued labouring to overturn Jackie's Camelot myth and replace it with her own, semi-saintly "Mother of the Century" version.

In 1984, at the aged of 93, Rose suffered a disabling stroke and lapsed into total senility. For political reasons, the family considered it important to keep the public ignorant of her true state of mind and health.

All the portraits of Rose Kennedy that have been written over the years are fawning eulogies. The true picture is of a lonely clothes-obsessed and deeply disappointed woman whose greatest claim to fame would, beyond the stoic acceptance of her sons' tragic deaths, be the consistent manner in which she denied what went on in her family, leaving a pall of silence that stifles the Kennedy family to this day.

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets the world's best bridge player, in London for a final showdown

Big bad Bob is here to make his play

Bob Hamman's dealings with his fellow men are guided by the simplest of philosophies. "You want to embarrass and humiliate and disgrace them, in no particular order. If one or two of them try to jump off a high building as a consequence, it's not my responsibility."

He sounds like the most sadistic drill sergeant. He is, in fact, the best bridge player in the world, an accolade he acknowledges with a faint, dismissive grin. "A legend in my own mind, that's me," he says.

Not just in his own mind, but throughout the whole of the bridge world, who at the last Olympiad voted this large, sardonic man the greatest living player. "The joke is, you ask all the experts who the second best player is, since they all think that they are the number one," says one participant. "But Hamman is undoubtedly the best ever."

He has the trophies to prove it: six Bermuda Bowls (the world championship) and eight other world titles. Since 1985, Hamman, 56, has been first in World Bridge Federation rankings. Now he is in London, chasing the one title that has eluded him: the Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship.

He and his partner, Bobby Wolff, are up against 15 of the best pairs in the world, including the double world champion and multimillionaire Seymon Deutsch, paired with Michael Rosenberg, and Omar Sharif, paired for the first time with the flamboyant Zia Mahmood.

Hamman, unfresh from the overnight flight from Dallas, has one message for his opponents: "I've come to make their lives miserable by giving them a thrashing they may not deserve. In other words, bury the bastards." He giggles infectiously. "I hate them all."

The feeling is not mutual. Everyone at TGR's bridge club in Marble Arch, where we meet, tells me how honest big, bad Bob is, how good-natured and how kind to his employees at his risks insurance business at home in Dallas.

None of which I repeat to Hamman, as it would wreak havoc with his street credibility. "If the public image of bridge is of a social game that is 85 per cent mindless chitchat, they are greatly in error," he tells me, gulping down some scrambled eggs. "It's tough, it's mean, it's a nasty game."

It is a game he has been enjoying since he discovered it in 1957 when he was an engineering student at UCLA, in his native California. Once hooked, it took him five years to complete his second year in college. He never took his degree and has been obsessed ever since. "I'll stop when they put me in the ground," he drawls.

Bob Hamman: "I hate all my opponents"

Today, Hamman lives in Dallas with his wife, Petra, a bridge teacher. "Despite her training in five-card majors and forcing no trumps, she was able to convert to the four-card majors that I love," he writes in his autobiography *At the Table*. "Talk about accommodations."

He spends about two months of the year on the tournament circuit, but, despite his devotion, has never turned professional. "I don't want to play in bad tournaments merely to survive. Anyway, the money's very minor in bridge compared with other sports: the Macallan champions will share only £4,000 and the world championship carries no cash prize. No, money's not the motivation — the motivation is ego."

His ego has been massaged enough for him to have relaxed the rigorous training programme that he followed in the 1970s when he was one of the Aces, a hand-picked "superteam" groomed to thrash the world. "If you have won as many championships as I have, you do lose a little bit of hunger. I think a lot about ways to improve and when I'm at the table I'm as mean as ever, but I don't put as much effort into the preparation now."

Instead, Hamman relies on his years of experience. "But stamina is vital, too: in the sixth hour of the seventh day of a tournament, something more primal than the actual desire to play well has got to keep you going and maybe it's the desire not to see the other bastard win."

To this end, Hamman has perfected an astonishing concentration. "He can shut out of his mind anything that's just happened," says one player, admiringly. "There can be a disaster on one hand but he must put all his best efforts into the next one. His wife could have been killed in a car crash and an hour later he would still play his best bridge."

"W..e..ll," muses Hamman, when I put this example to him. "Maybe not." He smiles. "I'm pretty good at it, though. My view is that whatever you are doing there are certain things you can and can't influence, and if you waste a lot of energy on things you can't affect, you consequently have much less energy for things you can."

He laughs uproariously and then lowers his voice, as a chain-smoking four nearby hiss at him to be quiet. "I would like to think I have a certain amount of skill at the game over and above the 900lb gorrilla approach."

It takes a bit of time to get used to Hamman's deadpan style, to realise that he is full of bravado. "There's lots of room for everybody to get better in bridge. The best player plays terribly and the rest play worse. It's not a game like chess where the best player always wins.

"Being told you are the best in the world is not necessarily a good thing. That's a judgment that's always based on what has happened the day before and that doesn't really have a hell of a lot of bearing on what is happening today. If you ask yourself, 'Are you perfect?' — the answer is not even close. But if I ask 'Are you pretty good?' the answer's yeah."

● *The 1995 Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship in association with* The Times *and* The Sunday Times *from tonight until Friday at the White House Hotel, Albany Street, Regent's Park, London NW1 (0171-387 1200).*

Hail, closet Scots

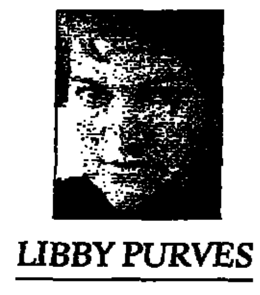
Burns-Night confessions of an Anglo-Angus

TONIGHT I shall eat no haggis, dance no eightsomes, wear no plaid. Burns Night will pass me by. For my clan are the Anglo-Scottish shrinking violets: the ones who cannot bring ourselves to say Hogmanay, nor dress our children in kilts, nor presume to call a turnip a neep. We permit ourselves to throw our shoulders back a bit on St Andrew's Day, but hope nobody notices.

We are the closet Scots, the adulterated children of Alba for whom the ancestral root is too deeply felt for outward display. Scottish reticence, ingrained by whichever parent carried the gene, paradoxically prevents us from claiming it. We gag at the spectacle of Anglo-Scottish hoorays: Rorys and Rodericks from the City whooping it up at the Skye Ball and posing for society magazines under the headline *"Tartan about"*. We are embarrassed not only by shortbread-tins and Andy Stewart singing "Donald, whaur's your troosis?" but even more by the grouse-moor set, by Balmoral and the kind of people who go on about their ghillies in braying Berkshire voices.

Partly because of these nightmare Anglo-Anguses, we keep our heads down. We try to look unmoved when the band plays "Flower of Scotland"; we pay secret visits to the Walter Scott museum in Edinburgh to look at his childhood rocking-horse with the raised stirrup to accommodate his shrivelled leg, and touch the desk where he proudly wrote himself out of bankruptcy, refusing all help. Because that, not kilts and flings and pipes, is the Scottishness to which we diffidently aspire. But we would no more claim it publicly than dance naked down South Street, St Andrews, shouting "Look at me!"

Perhaps it is to do with being lowland stock. My father was the draper's son in Cupar, Fife. Ever since a happy discovery at some industrial talking-shop years ago, I have a small ritual with Sir Bob Reid of British Rail at our rare encounters. He comes over and says "Purves the draper!" and I reply "Reid the butcher, three doors down, wasn't it?" That is enough.



LIBBY PURVES

MY FATHER, two uncles and aunt all went to St Andrews University in the Thirties. The story is that my aunt offered to stay home and look after her widowed father, but he would not hear of it: she must be educated. From her character, and my father's and uncles', I grew up thinking of Scottishness as a matter of quiet courtesy, dry humour and respect for language, law, scholarship and engineering. Twee tartanry was a horror to my father: when, three years after his death, we sailed our boat around Britain, I found I had to avert my eyes from the painted sign on the walls of the Crinan Canal saying "HASTE YE BACK".

That was a good trip for a half-breed. In a small boat you nibble apologetically at the edges of a county, an outsider grateful for shelter. We took a month to creep round Scotland from the Clyde to Fife via Orkney, and all the way we read Scottish history, literature and legend from the '45 rebellion to the decline of the herring fleet; we had conversations on the waterfront and cadged showers in seamen's missions.

In the West we became so wrapped up in the terrible stories of the clearances that we could no longer set foot in any Anglo-baronial show castles, or bear the sight of the antlers on their walls, because of the people who were chased off their land to make way for the Great Sheep and the sportsmen's deer.

On Skye I met some Canadians in search of their roots, and realised for the first time that their clan-and-tartan obsession, at first glance naffer than that of the English Rorys, was in fact more justifiable. Their great-great-grandfathers, after all, were robbed blind by the forefathers of our preening English lairdlings.

On Orkney we saw wild reels and listened respectfully to legends; in the eastern fishing ports heard, among the victims' home towns, the reports of the Piper Alpha disaster. At last, we sailed into St Andrews and paid a last homage to the indefinable, admirable, dogged national spirit.

Then we sailed home. Never — except, by an aberrant impulse today which I shall probably regret — to dare boast of Scottish roots. I just wanted to say hello to all the rest of you secret diffident mongrel Scots out there. Terrible taste, really.

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Supermodel takes to the high street

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

Everybody, says Stuart Rose, the chief executive at Dorothy Perkins, wants fashn. "But today one thing has hanged. The customer will no nger pay silly prices."

With the couture shows in aris this week featuring resses which can cost as much as a family house, the rice tags at Dorothy Perkins ppear positively Mickey Mouse. The outfits featured on his page provide everything eeded to fill this season's wardrobe: a tailored skirt suit in pinstripe suiting, another in astel pink, a flirty floral ress, a slim black skirt (hovering around the knee), a winset, a pair of 1940s-style horts, a plain shirt, an ice hite satin-finish body, and a 950s-style broderie anglaise ustier. The total cost is under 300 — less than the price of a eeve on a couture dress.

The Dorothy Perkins range — with prices from £2 to £70 — as all the key pieces for the eason ahead, in keeping with ashion's renewed mood of ltra-femininity.

The 1950s retro look is atured, with snug-fitting cari-style jeans worn with gingam bra tops or tiny striped T-irts under big white shirts notted at the midriff. Very rigitte Bardot.

This summer dresses are ll-important, and Dorothy erkins has various styles which make the grade: cute "Jackie Kennedy" square-necked, sleeveless sundresses, understated and crisp-looking. Long, floral-patterned floaty dresses with fine shoestring straps. Alternatively, silky, lingerie-look slip dresses take their inspiration from those shown by Calvin Klein and Donna Karan on their catwalks in New York. Pretty, simple and of the moment.

What is more remarkable is that until last year the brand had lost the plot when it came to fashion, falling far behind its counterparts in the high street. "The clock had stopped at Dorothy Perkins," Mr Rose admits.

In the 1960s and 1970s the store built its reputation on being a place where you could find affordable fashion. However, with the onslaught of the Next generation high-street retailers in the 1980s, where every other store offered designer product at a price, the bubble burst for Dorothy Perkins.

For the largest womenswear multiple in the United Kingdom (with about 560 branches across the country), a minor facelift wasn't enough: major surgery was necessary. So the company set out to reposition itself in the market and, more importantly, to rediscover the needs of its customer. Taking £400 as her average yearly clothes budget, the team began to build and edit a wardrobe that would fit the bill.

With the merchandise sorted, it was then necessary to rethink the stores. Project Bonanza was set into action, and at the end of last year, 275 stores were refurbished within six weeks. "All we wanted was a pleasant environment in which to shop. Nothing fancy. Not all brass and glass," Mr Rose says. With everything in place, the final PR card was dealt. "We needed something to make people talk about Dorothy Perkins again."

Enter supermodel Helena Christensen and fashion photographer Kim Knott. Immediately, the combination of the glamorous Christensen and *Vogue* snapper Knott had the desired effect. When posters and advertisements appeared featuring the new look, they were instantly talked about. The autumn/winter collection was a hit, and the partnership continues for spring/summer.

They wanted a model who wasn't too cool, or too distant, Mr Rose says. "Christensen is approachable. She could just possibly be a girl somebody you know is going out with. She helped to change perceptions. It made people take a fresh look at the label, but the real follow-through is still the product."

Customers are buying. It is not unusual for a successful item in the range — a skirt or jacket — to sell as many as 40,000 times. While sticking to its original brief, the company has successfully shifted gear into the 1990s, updating its fashionability, providing an upmarket image without sending prices soaring.

Photographs by KIM KNOTT
Make-up by Sarah Reygate
Hair by Ken O'Rourke

ABOVE: Pink linen jacket, £44.99; matching straight skirt, £19.99; pink satin body, £14.99; all available from March.
LEFT: Navy pinstripe jacket, £34.99; matching skirt, £21.99; red belt, £2.50.
BELOW LEFT: Cream cardigan, £19.99; matching jumper, £14.99; both available from March. Navy pencil skirt, £14.99; white belt, £2.50.
FAR LEFT: Floral slip dress, £24.99, available from April. Cream cardigan as above.
FAR LEFT, TOP: White shorts, £15.99; white lace bustier, £16.99, both available from March. Blue shirt, £24.99.
All clothes and accessories available from Dorothy Perkins, 379 Oxford Street, W1 and branches nationwide (customer inquiries 0171-291 2604).

HOTLINE

- BRIGHT young things Abe Hamilton, Sonnetag Mulligan and Sonja Nuttall are staging a three-day sample sale. Fans of the New Generation fashion designers can browse through rails of Hamilton's ethereal dresses, modern tailoring from Sonnetag Mulligan and Nuttall's "got to have it" collection of stunningly simple separates. The sale is on January 27 (12-9pm), 28 and 29 (both 10am-7pm) at 14 Gees Court, St Christopher's Place, London W1.
- BUYING a new bra can be an irritating business. Often the outside of the box bears little relation to its contents. Sizes outside the average 32A to 36C range are inadequately stocked, and colour codes can be misleading. BhS has solved this with a new range in boxes carrying clear views of front, back and side and correct shade details, and a size range from 30AA to 42F. Prices are from £4 to £9 and do not rise with size. Available from all stores at the end of January, along with a breast cancer care leaflet.
- ONE of London's best-kept secrets is the kimono shop Asahi. For years fashion designers and stylists have plundered its vast collection of vintage kimonos. Both John Galliano and Yohji Yamamoto's 1994 winter collections were inspired by the kimono. Yamamoto concentrated on long, vast shapes while Galliano teased with short lengths. Asahi, 44a Kensington Church Street, London W8. Prices from £20.

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Taking Prudence to its limits

Melvyn Marckus on the man who lived for the Prudential

Vestiges of fog still surround Monday's abrupt exit of Mick Newmarch as chief executive of the Prudential, Britain's largest *insurance combine* (with £75 billion under management). The statement that accompanied his departure from the company's lavishly modernised red-brick HQ in High Holborn raised almost as many questions as it answered. According to the five-paragraph bulletin, the directors had "reluctantly accepted" Mr Newmarch's resignation. Big Mick, as he is known in a wide financial circle, had "explained" to the board that the relationship between the City's financial services regulators and "himself and the company" had become "unacceptable". This, he felt, put him in an "unacceptable" position as chief executive. The temptation, courtesy of the Pru's prose, to describe Mr Newmarch as the "unacceptable face of the Pru" was as irresistible as it was unfair.

Then came the killer paragraph: "In addition", the Stock Exchange had "asked a number of questions" relating to Mr Newmarch's transactions in the Prudential's shares last October, when he netted a profit of £203,000. The Pru duly pointed out that directors' share dealings are governed by the company's rules, which "fully comply" with Stock Exchange requirements. It was stressed that both Mr Newmarch and the Pru believe they have "acted properly".

He joined the company at just 17 years old

Such was the corporate epitaph, the tortuous culmination of an equally tortuous 5½-hour board debate. Sir Brian Corby, the chairman who has picked up the executive reins as the search starts for a successor, attempted to guide *The Times* through Holborn's pea soup. According to him, Mr Newmarch had decided that "enough is enough". A considerable amount of his time and energy had been devoted to regulatory matters, rather than where Big Mick felt his duties lay: in the improvement of benefits to some 6 million policyholders. Sir Brian spoke of the "stress" Mr Newmarch had been under.

Despite a three-year rolling contract, his choosing to resign rules out the £2.5 million payout that his £834,000 remuneration might otherwise have entitled him to.

Mr Newmarch appears to have waged war on too many fronts. With formidable determination, he attempted, almost singlehandedly, to change the structure of the City's regulatory authorities overseeing the insurance and pension industries. He hit the headlines when he said that a statutory approach would be *preferable to the existing self-regulation.*

His call fell on deaf ears in Westminster, but he remained implacably opposed to the formation of the Personal Investment Authority, created to protect the private investor. Other financial institutions, such as the Halifax, Standard Life and Lloyds Bank, expressed reservations, but Newmarch adopted the hard-line approach. Rival institutions eventually joined the PIA, but Newmarch insisted, in accordance with the rules, *that the Pru should be regulated* directly by the Securities & Investments Board, the City's principal watchdog.

But the scandal of the mis-selling of pensions, throughout the industry, backfired, rightly or wrongly, on Newmarch. A leaked memo last summer from Lautro, the life assurance and unit trust regulator, revealed that the Pru had been under investigation since last April over its procedures for selling personal pension plans. According to the memo, there was evidence, come June 24, "of significant cause for concern that, although the Prudential's sales force had generally followed the company's procedures, the practices in use did pose a risk and had, in a significant number of cases, caused actual harm to investors."

The blunt response from the Pru, in a statement indelibly associated with Newmarch's stand, was: "We have always behaved properly with regard to the selling of pension transfers and therefore we have felt no need to make specific provisions against possible *mis-selling* of these products. No contact we have had with Lautro would indicate to us we ought to change our views."

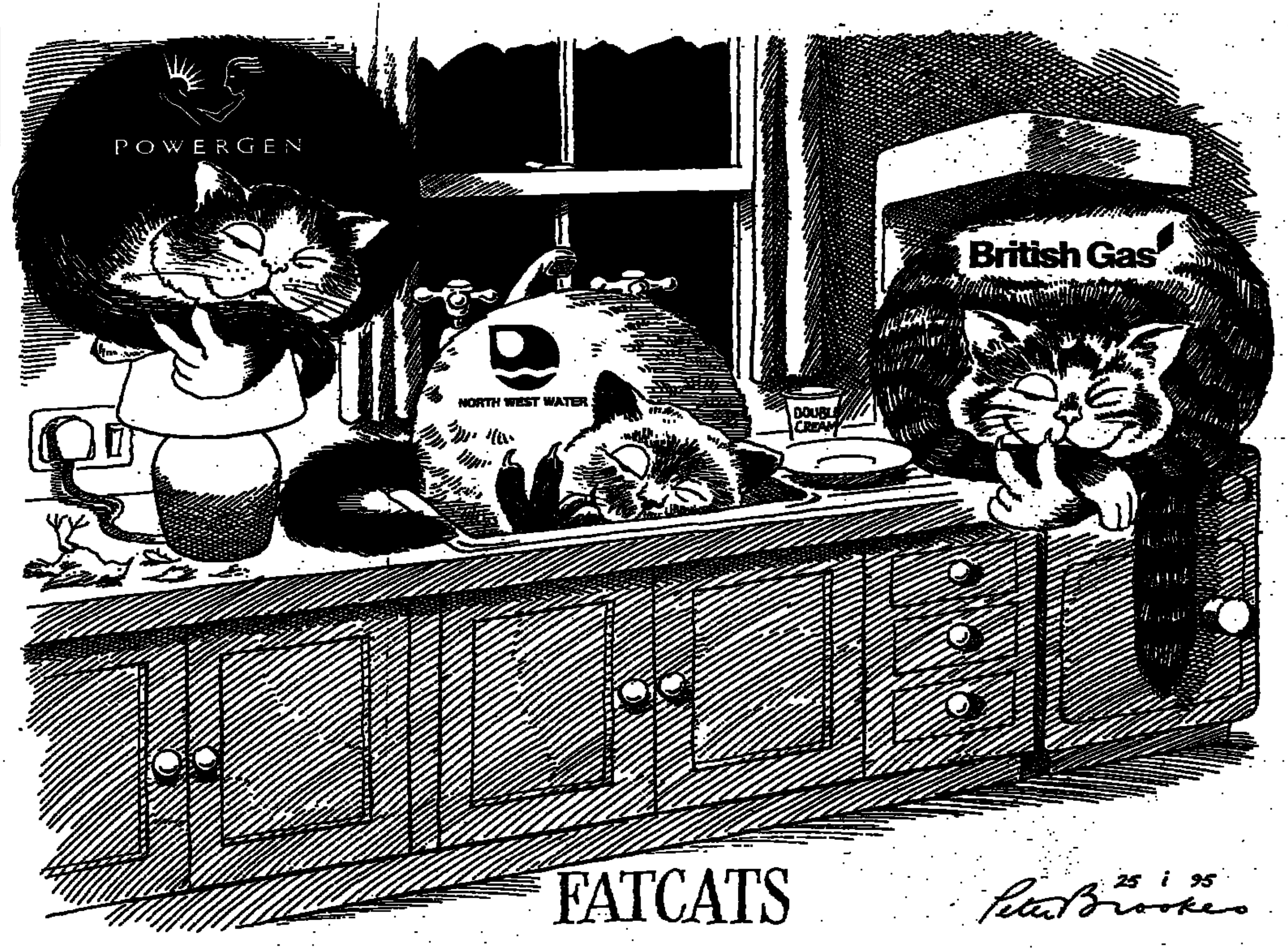
Corporate exits are generally more fascinating than entrances, but Newmarch will be remembered for both. Invariably introduced at cocktail parties as "The man from the Pru", he was in reality a man *of* the Pru. He joined the insurance combine in 1955 at the age of 17, with three A-levels from Tottenham Grammar School. Night classes brought him an economics degree, and legend has it that at 29 he decided that he could, and would, run the company.

Under his direction, the Pru's unsuccessful diversification into the estate agency business was swiftly disposed of, with a £340 million loss. His description of his corporate inheritance — "It was like taking over a garden that had got out of hand" — was hardly received with rapture by the Pru's hierarchy.

Within a year, Newmarch found himself defending a 43 per cent salary increase, to £543,000, in the wake of a sharp fall in profits. His response to hostile shareholders at the AGM was far from conciliatory.

Mr Newmarch's many critics perceive him as a bully, but few deny his clear thinking. Michael Lawrence, chief executive of the Stock Exchange and former finance director of the Pru, said not long ago: "He is not always as humble as he *might be, and that makes it* difficult for him to compromise."

At 56, he can be expected to devote more time to his passion for salmon and trout fishing, combined with birdwatching. What is acknowledged in the City is that Holborn has lost a chief executive who lived and breathed the Pru.



Taking the rise out of us

The utilities' directors are not in a free market, and do not deserve their pay

Simon Jenkins

Pay is the sexual attractant of commerce. Everybody wants more of it, and will talk any amount of rubbish to get it. That is the way the world goes round.

Yesterday the Commons aspired to new heights of hypocrisy. Its employment committee began an investigation into the large salary rises of gas, electricity and water executives since privatisation. It hoped to blame the executives. Yet the rises are Parliament's fault. It determined the form of regulation of the new private monopolies. It decided to sell the industries cheap, giving a juicy uplift to executive option schemes. It imposed no restraint through regulation on these options or on the related, astonishing, salary increases for the existing executives.

The first law of pay is that those who fix their own are likely to err on the generous side. In the 1960s and 1970s, British executives exercised some restraint. One reason was that basic pay was heavily taxed: executives preferred to be rewarded with cars, villas and yachts. Another was that some link to pay and pay rises of subordinate staff was thought good practice, given the militancy of unions and the risk of government intervention. The Thatcher years wiped clean "the unacceptable face of capitalism". Telephone number salaries became a matter of self-esteem. From buildings societies to pension funds, from privatised monopolies to hospital trusts, the moral brakes were off. Executives rushed headlong to the trough. The figures were astonishing. Between 1984 and 1993, average earnings rose 90 per cent and senior executive pay 240 per cent (according to Hay MSL).

By far the worst offenders were the privatised utilities. I have a Black Museum of the arguments used by their executives to justify their self-indulgence. Most would fail the simplest GCSE economics test. Water company executives, without any intention of changing jobs, claim a 100 per cent pay rise — "as we are now in *a free market*". An electricity board member claimed £250,000 in options as part of an "incentives" package, the only conceivable incentive being to turn up for work. A gas executive received a large "performance bonus" following a price rise allowed by a government regulator. Another apparently needed the money because the company now "operated worldwide". Then there is the "market capitalisation" comparison beloved of asset-rich building societies and pension funds. Capitalisation has nothing whatever to do with workload, executive responsibility or competitive risk. It is pure hooey to con shareholders and ministers.

When Cedric Brown's pay rise from British Gas was in the news last year, his chairman, Richard Giordano, justified it as indicating that British Gas was in the big league for recruitment. It symbolised the company's prestige, and was, by implication, nothing to do with Mr Brown's personal needs or workload. Mr Giordano was paying himself £450,000 for this and other part-time advice as the non-executive chairman, presumably also as his contribution to corporate status.

Such arguments deftly externalise avarice. Benefit is made to seem impersonal, a selfless — indeed an embarrassing — gesture for the good of the company and its future executive wellbeing. On radio yesterday I heard a spokesman excusing super-salaries as unimportant since they were so small a share of the total paybill. Each gas fitter might say the same of his own pay rise.

Robert Maxwell once gave a shrewd reply to an interviewer who asked what was the hardest thing about making a million pounds. He said the hardest moment came when he had already made half a million. He had to stop loving work and start loving money. The number of top executives who really shift jobs restlessly in search of that second half million is minuscule. Their motives must anyway be mixed. I would rather they simply admitted that money was going begging and they took it, rather than have them abuse the frail science of economics.

Complain about these salaries to those involved and they come up with a fine line in macho rhetoric. Britain, they say, is cursed with a mealy-mouthed hatred of reward. The country should pay the "rate for the job", reward excellence, stop whingeing and respect serious money. This is the merry road to hell, from which American corporate government is now painfully retreating. In the private sector, it has a ruthless validity. Nobody is forced to buy shares in Lonrho or British Oxygen. With privatised utilities, it is unacceptable.

The utilities boards are creatures not of any free market but of the statutes that set them up. The executive salary packages are not just a public relations mistake, but way out of line, and ministers should have the courage to say so. In his measured survey of executive pay, *Just Reward?* (Kogan Page, 1994), Anthony Williams shows that utilities salaries are well ahead of any reasonable domestic or foreign equivalent. They are ahead of private-sector salaries. There is no real international market for these executives, and internal control on remuneration packages is ineffective. Williams is particularly scathing about the use of options and bonuses as "incentives". At these salaries, executives should be already working flat out. In America such language is no longer used of options. They are merely tax-efficient ways of boosting income by means less apparent to other staff.

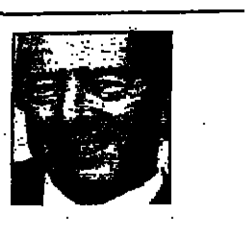
It is abundantly clear that the people running what are still regulated utilities have spent the past five years paying themselves as much as they dare. For all the uproar and bad publicity, I am not aware of any of them taking a pay cut. Cedric Brown's complaint at the intrusion into his private life reminds me of the Fleet Street printer who demanded extra money "for the mental stress of being messed about having to ask for it". In America, these abuses are being brought under greater legal control. They are the corporate equivalent of the Spanish practices that executives so deplore in their workforces. What is sauce for the goose must be sauce for the gander. The Institute of Directors yesterday published an unbelievably timid set of proposals to curtail salaries abuse. Why not change the law, as they wanted government to do for the unions ten years ago?

Ministers are innocents in this jungle. It was they who sold the companies cheap and allowed executives to take pre-sale options on shares that were bound to soar in value. The utilities directors duly cleaned up millions of pounds of value that was, in equity, due to the taxpayer for past generosity. Ministers decided that the industry regulators should dictate prices and social obligations, but apparently not corporate accountability. Gas, water and electricity in Britain are not privatised industries. They are virtual monopolies, their financial results dependent on state regulation. There should be no question of stock options where the value of the stock is determined ultimately by Parliament. This is as near a scandal as makes no difference.

Yesterday Kenneth Clarke produced the line used by John Major and Michael Portillo last month. He said that these salaries were for shareholders to determine. He knows nothing about how companies operate. Executive salaries are fixed by boards, not shareholders. Under the flawed 1993 Cadbury recommendations, they are supposedly in the hands of non-executive directors advised by consultants. This has proved the worst sort of self-regulation. Executives have been able to "sanitise" their incomes by getting non-executives to rubber-stamp them. Consultants in the pay of a company will hardly disallow the boss's pay rise. (I would welcome evidence to the contrary.) Interlocking directorships also ensure that directors are often fixing their own pay when fixing that of their friends.

The Government retained golden shares in these utilities to stop them being abused by outsiders. They should be activated against abuse by insiders. The salaries racket has discredited a successful exercise in regulated privatisation, not least the important restructuring of British Gas. The Labour Party is rightly making hay. The golden shares, some of which expire this spring, include powers to intervene in boardrooms and annual general meetings. Bringing board pay in monopoly utilities under some external scrutiny is a sound reason for doing so. I am sure the Cabinet will not hold back because, as Lord Nolan is noting, many former ministers sit on privatisation boards.

Alan Coren



They say no man is a hero to his valet — but he may well be a mealticket

Is there a new lightness in my daily's step? Or is it just that the new wariness in mine leads me to imagine that there is? Either way, this is a bad business: the relationship between us will never be the same. For the lightness of which I am wary is a binary lightness: it is not merely the metaphorical lightness of the raised spirit, it is the actual lightness of the tiptoed tread. I fear she is fairy-footing about the place not only because she thinks she might be on to something, but because the something she thinks she might be on to might mean that she might be on to something else. The something else she might be *on to is a bung from the News of the World.*

This is what the venal treacheries of the Valet and Housekeeper of Wales have done to all of us who have people to do for us. In opening up the market for domestic revelation, Ken Stronach and Wendy Barry have ensured that we shall henceforth never be free of the terror at what domestics have it in their power to reveal. And injunctions to stay their further blabbings have only made matters worse, for once the tabloid palate has begun to salivate, its *stomach cannot remain* unfed. If it is prevented from doing the business on royals, it will do it on those who lack royal lawyers, for the truth, and I shall put it in italics to prove it is the truth, is that *the intimate domestic details of anyone are invariably fascinating to everyone else.*

Even as I type, I can hear, on the floor beneath, a drawer being shut. Is it being shut more cautiously than heretofore? Is it being shut, quite properly, on the shirts she has *just finished ironing, or is it* being shut, quite improperly, on my chequebooks, my diaries, my correspondence? Will tomorrow's headlines *shriek: "Who* was glamorous bedmate when wag blew fortune on night at Gleneagles?" or "What made wag hang on to old postcard from bisexual radio star?" or "Wag threatened with proceedings after gas board's patience runs out, could face huge fine, possibly jail, if bill not paid!" Even if the clunk was of the quite proper drawer, might they not shriek, no less *horribly*: *"Cash's* name-tape proves tightwad wag stole shirt from son, divulges sharp-eyed ironer!"

I hear her Hoovering now, somewhat spasmodically. What could this mean? "Wag's toenails jam vacuum cleaner!", perhaps? "Tightwad wag insists plenty of life left in clapped-out Hoover as slave daily toils on pittance!" Dare I nip downstairs to inquire? "Wag who earns fat income sitting on backside all day staring out of window dogged my every move to ensure pound of flesh, weeps exploited *servant!*"

And then, if Stronach and Berry are to set the example, there is the matter of eavesdropping and its speculative interpretation. Dare any of us, ever again, risk the unbuttoned lip, and therewith such front-page splashes as "Wag's 'idyllic' *marriage exposed as sham after* wife fails to renew road-fund licence on time, air was blue, reveals shocked daily!" or "Crazed hack tore wash-basin from wall in hunt for right cufflink, avers drenched *servant" or "Shouting* wag maintains Virginia Bottomley should be taken out and shot, family deeply divided, is this why children left home, asks sorrowing domestic?"

And then again, must I resort to covert operations of my own, creep behind her back to feel her hanging coatpocket or sift her shopping bag lest one or other conceal an Instamatic, primed and cocked?

It may already be too late. Boots' may at this very moment be processing a highly *marketable reel of wonky* wide-angle shots *to stand* above such centrespread captions as "Groaning wheelie-bin reveals champagne lifestyle yet daily gets no tea-break", or "Overpaid wag snores in front of massive telly while daily toils", or "Is this why wag's neighbours are up in arms? More exclusive pictures of tightwad's D-I-Y fencing on pages 7, 8 and 9!"

I shall go downstairs now, so that she can do this attic. Go through the wastebin, trawl my files, scan the computer. Fax the tabloids.

Kobe visit

THE PRINCESS OF WALES is hoping to visit earthquake victims in the shattered city of Kobe early next month. She has told staff at Kensington Palace that she would like to meet survivors and their relatives during her forthcoming visit to Japan.

The Princess's tour of Japan is her first official overseas engagement since her decision to leave public life. It was planned last year and has always been scheduled to include a meeting with Emperor Akihito. There are now suggestions that she may leave Britain *earlier than originally planned in* order to visit the devastated city where more than 5,000 people were killed.

Buckingham Palace sources say the itinerary is under review. "A visit to Kobe is one of the options being considered but it is a question of talking to the Embassy to see what can be done. There is talk of rejigging the programme to try to meet some people."

The most likely option would be for the Princess to leave Britain on February 5, a day earlier than had been planned, so that she can fit in a visit to the earthquake zone as well as to Tokyo. The Japanese Embassy in London, however, has yet to receive formal notification of Diana's wishes.

Another snub

LESS than a fortnight after Lord Lester of Herne Hill resigned from the Garrick Club on account of its chauvinist attitude, I am bound to report that another prominent member has resigned because the club refuses to admit women.

Anthony Lewis, the *New York Times* columnist and Pulitzer prizewinner who has been a member for nearly 30 years, has written to Martin Harvey, the club secretary, saying that he finds his position untenable. "It is no longer possible for me to justify, to myself, belonging to a club which denies membership to people solely because of their sex . . . the rule excluding female members is not only silly and out of date but shameful."

● *Missing from the opening night of English National Opera's revival of* Rigoletto *on Monday were the customary bunches of flowers for principals at the curtain call. Suggestions of budgetary difficulties were denied by the ENO. "They got their flowers afterwards," said a spokeswoman.*

Arch error

THE PARTY to celebrate the 44th birthday of *The Archers* at the English Speaking Union in Mayfair on Monday night was a little fraught — and not just because Norma Major, a fan since the first episode, was in attendance. It was simply that guests insisted on addressing members of the cast as Ambridge characters, rather than people.

"*Please* stop calling me Nigel," snapped Graham Seed, who plays Nigel Pargetter, at one unfortunate fan. "That's the third time you've done that. People have been doing it all the time. *The Archers* is only part of my work. I was in *I, Claudius* after all."

Bash avoided

STEPHEN FRY made his excuses this year and regretfully declined. He has decided not to attend the annual dinner for Uppingham old boys, at the Law Society next month.

His decision is hardly surprising after last year's dinner, which kicked off well but descended into an ugly fracas when two brothers began to abuse Fry over his politics and sexuality. The scene deteriorated further when, after Fry blew the boys a kiss, they launched in physically and everyone ended up in court. "Sensibly, Stephen is performing in a play out of town that night," explains his agent.

Lord's ladies

THE TIDE continues to turn against the great bastions of male exclusivity. The Lord's Taverners' Eve of Calcutta Cup Dinner will be attended by women for the first time this year. The Princess Royal is to be the guest of honour.

The highly convivial "stag" event, which has been running for more than a decade, is opening up after pressure from Lady Taverners. "It was recognised that an increasing number of women are interested in rugby, particularly the England versus Scotland match," says a spokeswoman for the Taverners.

Blanc check

NOW THAT he has three Michelin stars to his name, Marco Pierre White has decided to visit France. At Chez Nico at 90 Park Lane in London yesterday, where with Nico Ladenis he was celebrating doubling Britain's quotient of three-star Michelin chefs, he revealed he has never visited the country.

Marco Pierre White: French trip

"When I was four I travelled by train to Genoa with my mother," he said. "And we must have gone through Paris, but I do not remember it and do not think we got off. I have not even been to Boulogne or Calais since.

"I wanted to prove it was possible to win three Michelin stars without ever setting foot in France. Now I have done it I might celebrate by visiting one of their three-star places."

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YELTSIN'S JANISSARY

Does the rise of General Korzhakov herald a hardliners' coup?

The sinister figure lurking in the shadow of a Russian leader and exercising a malign influence over his decisions is as much a part of Russian history as it is of Western fears. The most famous example was Rasputin, the "mad monk" who established such a disastrous hold over the imperial family. Stalin, in the twilight years after Lenin's stroke, used his position as a party functionary to gather power into his hands as Lenin was dying. Yesterday *Izvestia*, a respected liberal newspaper, made the same accusation against General Aleksandr Korzhakov, the head of President Yeltsin's bodyguard, whom it accused of creating a private army, attempting to halt reform and rehabilitating old KGB hardliners.

If indeed Mr Yeltsin is now being manipulated by cronies taking advantage of his ill health and political isolation to prepare the ground for a coup, Russia and the West should be alarmed. Already, it appears, General Korzhakov has 30,000 men under his direct control, taking over and expanding an entire directorate of the former KGB. Even at the height of the party's sychophancy to Brezhnev, the Soviet leader had no more than 8,000 people to guard him. The new praetorian guard now includes crack anti-terrorist units, mechanised infantry and airborne troops, making it a powerful private force accountable to no one but Mr Yeltsin himself.

Serious questions arise from these revelations. Is President Yeltsin still in control of his own apparatus, or has he now begun the decline into the dotage that marked the later days of Brezhnev, when the country stagnated while factions competed behind the scenes for power? Does General Korzhakov have a political agenda of his own, and does his ascendancy herald a decisive entry of the armed forces into Russian politics?

The pessimists, lead by the embattled liberals in Moscow who see a crackdown coming as the inevitable result of the Chechenia debacle, fear the worst. They see the classic pattern of the janissary turned sultan. The pattern is common in Russian, Ottoman and even Roman history. But to draw parallels at this stage with Emperor Tiberius and Sejanus is misleading. President Yeltsin has not retired to a distant island or abandoned the control of day-to-day affairs. True, he has been barely visible for months, and he does appear to let things drift. But this may be more a question of tactics and temperament than political abdication. There is evidence that he has deliberately distanced himself from those who have given him ill advice over Chechenia, and used the old ruse of letting attention and unpopularity fall on others.

There is also little proof that General Korzhakov has any ambition beyond his personal enrichment and power. He is an old-style former political associate of Mr Yeltsin, who has been with him since 1987 and, to his credit, has stuck with him during the setbacks as well as the triumphs. Inevitably, he is the sauna and drinking confidant in whom Mr Yeltsin places considerable personal trust. But this does not mean that the President is blind to the potential misuse of such a position; nor that the man whose own future depends utterly on the survival of his boss is actively planning, like Stalin, to seize power himself. Beyond a general yearning for order, a suspicion of reform and a distrust of Western motives common to the entire class of apparatchiks, General Korzhakov and his allies have no clear ideology. They are, increasingly, tempted to dabble in politics — denouncing a World Bank reform plan for the oil industry, for example. But they appear to be courtiers of limited intelligence and limited horizons. *Izvestia*'s warning may alert the Duma and Mr Yeltsin himself to the dangers endemic in the Russian system; but the liberals should not yet worry that Sejanus has taken command.

ADVOCATE OF CHANGE

Lord Taylor's proposals for the civil courts are wise

Concision has always been the mark of a good barrister. In the first century AD, Quintilianus observed that lawyers should concern themselves only with the essential points. "We must not always burden the judge with all the arguments we have discovered," he wrote, "since by so doing we shall at once bore him and render him less inclined to believe us". The same is true today. Yet the English legal system is still founded on the assumption that the advocate may take as much of the courts' time as he likes.

For this reason, the reforms announced yesterday by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, are as overdue as they are welcome. Lord Taylor is not the first senior figure to acknowledge the problem of time wasting. In 1989, for example, Lord Chief Justice Lane said that "judges nowadays should more often stop counsel from indulging in prolixity, unnecessary questions and repetition". In the same year, Lord Donaldson, then Master of the Rolls, issued a direction for the presentation of argument in the Court of Appeal. But Lord Taylor has gone much further than his predecessors in seeking to curtail barristers' verbosity.

Judges in civil cases will now have greater power to set deadlines for trials, cut short advocates' speeches and cross-examinations, and insist that documents be submitted on time. In addition, the judiciary will be able to issue "appropriate orders for costs" where deadlines are missed; in exceptional circumstance, individual lawyers may find themselves personally liable for such expense. The reform's aims are unimpeachable: to reduce cost and delay and to pave the way for Lord Woolf's review of civil court procedures in England and Wales.

The difficulties involved in this reform are considerable. Poorly implemented, it could result in injustices, as cases are rushed through court in the name of efficiency. Equally, there is a risk that some members of the judiciary will find the changes bewildering. The current generation of judges has grown used to indulging the loquacity of barristers. Few would today show the forebearance of the law lords in 1869 who heard the representations of one woman for 23 days. But many will still experience problems adjusting to the role of trial manager. Lord Taylor's championship of "judge-driven" courts is more ambitious than it may appear to the layman.

The Lord Chief Justice and the other heads of division deserve the strongest possible support, therefore, for their proposed reform. Far too much time is wasted in civil courts on artful rhetoric and the recitation of standard legal references with which judges are already familiar. Indeed, many of the arguments which advocates now make in court would be better considered on paper by the judge in his chambers. In the American Supreme Court and European Court of Justice, advocates have less than an hour to submit their oral arguments.

Such restrictions may not be appropriate to the British legal system. But they show how much more efficiently the time of the courts can be used when suitable limits are imposed. As David Pannick, QC, argues in his book *Advocates*: "There is no reason why the English advocate should not be able to organise his submissions so as to make them effectively and efficiently were English courts to confine the quantity of advocacy to be heard". It is to the credit of the Lord Chief Justice that he has acknowledged this point and taken preliminary steps to address an age-old problem.

BACH FOR YAMAHA

Oxford can make music with the chip as well as the baroque

Discord from the Sheldonian organ has produced an exemplary Oxford row, containing all the necessary ingredients of tradition versus modernisation and art lining up against money, economy and efficient administration. Yesterday college organ scholars and the rest of Oxford's musical establishment protested in the *Oxford Magazine* about the recent vote to install a digital electronic organ in the Sheldonian Theatre. The Sheldonian curators say that they are going ahead with the introduction of microchips and loudspeakers into Wren's amphitheatre anyway.

There is agreement on one issue only: that the Victorian organ in the Sheldonian has groaned its last chord. Traditionalists want it replaced by a conventional tracker-action pipe organ, in which pressure on the keys releases air into the pipes mechanically. Such an organ — one that Bach could have sat down and played without comment — could certainly be made to the most modern specifications and be grand enough for the Sheldonian. But it would cost at least £250,000. An electronic organ would cost the university nothing. A generous lover of music and Oxford has offered to give his university a £50,000 electronic organ.

Computerised and synthesised sounds can now be made virtually indistinguishable from "real" mechanical organ music. Oxford already has a wealth of world-class organs in the colleges. It would surely be a useful innovation to let students have the latest electronic instrument to play. The new music will be installed with decent discretion. There is no suggestion of a mighty Wurlitzer rising from the cellars with lights flashing at Encaenia to hail the celebrities; and the loudspeakers will be concealed (shame-facedly, say traditionalists) behind the pipe-facade of the existing organ.

The English have resisted innovations to their beloved organ music since they lagged more than three centuries behind in introducing the new-fangled "German pedals", and the Puritans got rid of the impious "chest of whistles" from their churches. Oxford used to be the home of dead languages and undying prejudices. Now it looks forward as much as backwards — even in music.

One of Oxford's charms is that it still takes its traditions seriously. The Sheldonian organ broadcasts an important musical debate because anything that plays at Oxford attracts attention. But Oxford is right to go for the new music. There must be something more beneficial on which Oxford music can spend a quarter of a million than an old-fashioned pipe organ. That mighty innovator of the keyboard Johann Sebastian would have come up with something new for them. It would almost certainly have had chips and microcircuits.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Change in rules of engagement

From Mr Julian Brazier, TD, MP for Canterbury (Conservative), and Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, MP for Chingford (Conservative)

Sir, Your leader, "The Clegg affair" (January 24), is right to call for a change in the law regarding soldiers serving on active duty but surely wrong to suggest the adoption of the proposals made by various judges that a lesser charge than murder be applicable in cases like that of Private Clegg.

Far from clarifying the position for soldiers risking their lives in Ulster, or in any possible future hostilities, such a move would actually widen the scope for prosecutions. That is why the Army rightly opposes such a move.

Private Clegg did not make a mistake. He appears to have acted within the rules of engagement (embodied in the "yellow card") as were then laid down by the Government on the advice of the Attorney General. In his case the courts made clear that this advice does not have "any legal force".

The yellow card has been changed again but what is needed, to prevent further cases of this sort, is for Parliament to enshrine the rules of engagement into the law, so that any soldier, acting within their terms, knows that he cannot be charged with a criminal offence.

In setting out the rules of engagement Parliament would be deciding where it wished to draw the line for our soldiers on active service and might well wish to allow greater latitude than the courts currently do. Whatever the outcome on that balance, our soldiers would at last know where they stand.

In the meantime the Northern Ireland Office has the power to release Clegg and should do so at the earliest possible time.

An early day motion making these recommendations has already been signed by more than 90 Conservative MPs.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
IAIN DUNCAN-SMITH,
House of Commons.
January 24.

From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC

Sir, The decision of the House of Lords in the case of Clegg stands as a masterly erudite exposition of the law as applied to the facts of the case. But the moral basis of the law is called into question. The stigma of a conviction for murder would remain even if the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment were to be abolished.

The general law should be amended to afford a defence to the charge of murder where, although excessive force was used, the accused honestly believed that the force used was reasonable in the circumstances, along the lines proposed in paragraph 73 of the report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee (1980).

As regards members of the Armed Forces on active duty the yellow card instructions for opening fire should identify the purpose of the exercise. In the absence of evil motive, implementation of such instructions should also afford a defence to the charge of murder.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
CAMPBELL of ALLOWAY,
2 King's Bench Walk Chambers,
Temple, EC4.

Lottery winnings

From Mr S. S. Siddall

Sir, For the second time in the past three weeks I have been told by my local National Lottery outlet that they have no money to pay me when I have gone to collect it, once on a Sunday morning, once on Monday evening.

I'm not sure whom to blame, but on Saturday afternoons the shop is full of anxious punters spending their money. Surely the National Lottery can find a way to pay out its winners. We are not talking about jackpots — only £34 on the first occasion and £20 this week.

Yours sincerely,
S. S. SIDDALL,
The Manor House, School Lane,
Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
January 16.

Rights of way

From the Editor of The Countryman

Sir, We learn from the Assistant Chief Constable of Essex, Geoffrey Markham, speaking about his force's action against animal-export protesters in Brightlingsea, that "Police are obliged to keep the Queen's highway open for the free passage of everyone going about their lawful business" (report, January 19).

Does this mean that I can now call on the local force to tackle farmers and landowners who plough and plant crops over public footpaths and bridleways — minor rural routes indeed, but equally part of the Queen's highway.

Riot gear (except in a few very difficult cases) will not be necessary; but some attention to this most persistent form of countryside law-breaking would be most welcome.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER HALL,
Editor, *The Countryman*,
Sheep Street,
Burford, Oxfordshire.
January 19.

Plus and minus score points for the Rail Regulator

From Mr Carl Lombardelli

Sir, I suspect that Mr Jacques Arnold, MP for Gravesham (letter, January 18), has not purchased a ticket from a railway station for some time. If he had he would almost certainly be aware that a multi-purpose computerised ticket-issuing system already exists. Known as Aptis (All-purpose ticket-issuing system), it has been in widespread use for about ten years.

Every station on the rail network with a staffed ticket office has one or more Aptis terminals which can issue tickets to any BR destination. It takes half a dozen key strokes at most to issue the vast majority of tickets and individual transaction time is usually measured in seconds.

The system is thus available at about 1,500 stations — far more than the number of "core" stations proposed by the Rail Regulator. The time-consuming method of hand-writing paper tickets to which Mr Arnold refers is almost obsolete.

Yours faithfully,
CARL LOMBARDELLI
(Customer Relations Officer),
Great Eastern Railway,
Hamilton House,
3 Appold Street, EC2.
January 19.

From Mr Barry S. Doe

Sir, As a travel consultant who was asked by the Rail Regulator's office for an opinion on the core station document, I can confirm that Richard Spencer (letter, January 18) hit the nail on the head when he refers to Haddenham and Thame Parkway being listed because "the word Parkway works miracles".

It was indeed a criterion that all Parkways should be "core" and I pointed out that this allowed in tiny stations whilst rejecting places like Fleet and Farnborough, which between them have over 900 parking places. Even Alfreton and Mansfield Parkway is included, despite its having been re-named plain Alfreton some time ago.

The same criterion applies to ports, though here the report has errors. Kyle of Lochalsh, with three trains a day and a dozen sailings a year (one day a week in summer) is core, but Lymington Pier, with 32 trains a day and a half-hourly ship service to the Isle of Wight, is omitted. Meanwhile Llandrindod Wells, with three trains a day, is core, but both Yeovil's stations are rejected, simply because the town is within 50 miles of Salisbury or Exeter.

Incidentally, the report explains why Waterloo East is to be rejected, on "low-revenue" grounds. I'm not surprised: its ticket office closed over a year ago.

All these stupidities I explained to the regulator, but the report was published unchanged.

Yours sincerely,
BARRY DOE,
25 Newmorton Road,
Moordown, Bournemouth, Dorset.
January 18.

From Mr Gordon Dennis

Sir, When I go on holiday I buy my accommodation through a travel agent and not from the hotel on arriving. When I fly I don't wait until I reach the airport to book. When I go to a play I have secured my seat before reaching the theatre.

Why must I be expected to buy my rail journeys at the station, rather than beforehand and conveniently through a national agency?

Yours faithfully,
GORDON DENNIS,
Ramleh, The Green,
Standlake, Witney, Oxfordshire.
January 11.

From Mr Paul Osborn

Sir, The proposals from the Rail Regulator on through ticketing (report and letters, January 18) are not so much restrictions as to where tickets can be sold as minimum requirements stating where they must be sold. It is inconceivable that a firm which seeks to encourage as many people as possible to travel by train would not sell a ticket to where the customer wanted to go, even if the journey finished on a different company's franchise.

Let's look at the benefits of this privatisation in terms of lower prices, more investment and the possibility of stopping the long-term decline of rail travel instead of scaremongering about unlikely consequences.

Yours sincerely,
P. S. OSBORN
(President, Debating Union),
Southampton University
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January 18.

From Mr Alyn Shipton

Sir, If it was as possible to book a ticket on the pre-war rail network to St Petersburg as it was to Daisy Bank and Bradley, outside Wolverhampton, as I believe it was, it is a poor reflection on our current society that we are arguing about guaranteed ticketing for cross-country journeys to major destinations in the UK, let alone the vast network beyond the tunnel.

Yours faithfully,
ALYN SHIPTON,
College Farm, 117 High Street,
Wheatley, Oxford.

From Mr D. J. Skinner

Sir, Recently I travelled from Vlissingen to Ostend, a journey through Holland and Belgium, on two different national buses and a tram. The through ticket was issued by the driver of a one-man bus.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. SKINNER,
2 Gaza Road,
Bulford Camp, Wiltshire.
January 11.

Peer's appeal for the war widows

From the Director General of Help the Aged

Sir, The 24-year-old Lord Freyberg used his maiden speech in the House of Lords today to publicise a campaign launched by the Officers' Pensions Society highlighting the lamentable disservice done by the State to our war and service widows.

We at Help the Aged believe passionately that the anomalies in pensions provisions for this most deserving sector of our older population must be tackled.

It is absurd that war widows should lose their pensions entitlements if they remarry or are found to be cohabiting. This measure ensures a life of loneliness for many. Just one in a hundred war widows take on the financial risk of another marriage.

It surely cannot be right that many, now elderly, service widows who married their husbands after they had left the Armed Forces receive no occupational pensions of any sort, unless their partner retired after 1978. In addition, the block date of 1973 for the introduction of half-rate pensions leaves many service widows over 70 in dire straits, surviving on a third-rate pension.

Many will savour the irony of a 24-year-old peer reminding the Government of its discourtesy to the widows of our war heroes. A further irony should not escape our notice: the pension scheme for parliamentarians has no such restrictions.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MAYO,
Director General,
Help the Aged,
St James's Walk,
Clerkenwell Green, EC1.
January 24.

Public life inquiry

From Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP for Weston-super-Mare (Conservative)

Sir, Anyone familiar with the history of Westminster Hall will know that a number of the trials that have taken place in that historic building have begun with a verdict already decided. It would seem that Lord Nolan, Chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, believed this custom should continue when he made a statement to the press in the course of the first witness session last week (report, January 20).

I cannot recall the chairman of any commission, tribunal, inquiry or select committee, to say nothing of a court of law, ever announcing his conclusions without hearing all the witnesses.

Those witnesses who take an opposite view must feel already discounted, although not yet heard. The outcome of this committee could have very substantial consequences for the future composition of Parliament and yet no letter was sent to individual Members of Parliament inviting comments and, by Thursday of last week, the committee's document, "Issues and Questions", had not been placed in the library of the House.

Perhaps we should now have a committee on standards in conducting inquiries?

Yours sincerely,
JERRY WIGGIN,
House of Commons.
January 24.

Video offences

From Dr Alan Gilmour

Sir, It is being suggested by the parents of young children involved in the Bishop Auckland sexual abuse investigations that their children had been influenced in their accounts of their alleged experiences by having seen horror videos (report, January 14).

Why had they been allowed to see such videos? Your photographs of the two named titles both clearly showed the "18" classification, which denotes: "Suitable only for persons of 18 years and over. Not to be supplied to any person below that age." It is an offence for a trader to supply such a film to anybody under age, and trading standards officers are vigilant in enforcing a law that was passed to protect children, but of course they have no control over what children see in their homes.

If children have been traumatised by seeing quite inappropriate horror films, then something needs to be done. Do they need any help? Why did it happen? How can they be protected in future? What more can be done to help parents to understand the classification system and to apply it responsibly to their own families? Should someone take notice when they don't?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GILMOUR
(Director, NSPCC, 1979-89),
106 Crock Lane,
Bothenhampton, Bridport, Dorset.
January 16.

Agricultural policy

From Mr Anthony Kinch

Sir, Lady Thatcher would not approve the proposal by the rebel faction of the Conservative Party to renationalise the common agricultural policy (report, January 20). I quote from Hansard for February 15, 1988:

> The Prime Minister: "... if we were not in the common agricultural policy, the amount we would have to pay in deficiency payments would probably cost more than the CAP does, because of the amount we would have to put on in levies to protect British agriculture and to prevent it from returning to something like its position in the 1930s ..."

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY KINCH,
36 Greenways, Beckenham, Kent.
January 20.

Coastal Command

From Wing-Commander Derek Dudley Martin, RAF (retd)

Sir, Your review of Dan van der Vat's *Stealth at Sea* (January 19) makes almost no mention of the major part played by Royal Air Force Coastal Command in the war against the submarines.

In the last war 192 U-boats were sunk and 131 damaged by aircraft alone; over 2,000 Coastal Command aircraft were lost and 10,327 aircrew killed or injured out of an average aircrew strength of less than 7,000.

The photograph of the 1943 U-boat "kill" is probably of *U-643*, which surrendered to Liberator FK223 of No. 120 Squadron in October 1943. Only one U-boat was captured during the war and that was *U-570*, which surrendered to a Hudson of No. 269 Squadron. This German submarine was later re-used by the Royal Navy as *HMS Graph*.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK MARTIN,
Cobble Wood Cottage,
Medmenham, Nr Marlow,
Buckinghamshire.
January 19.

Horticultural library

From Miss Anne Scott-James

Sir, Mr John Mattock suggests (letter, January 20) that a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Library, if moved to Wisley, could "be combined with a walk in very pleasant surroundings and a very superior restaurant is available".

True, many visitors to Wisley would quite legitimately regard the library as the cultural part of a jolly outing. But what about scholars and researchers? They may want to use the library for hours at a time over many days or weeks.

They may not have cars, particularly if they are foreign visitors, many of whom now use the library for research. For many of these Wisley, a weary place to get to by public transport, would be too remote.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE SCOTT-JAMES
(Council member,
Royal Horticultural Society, 1978-82),
78 Cheyne Court,
Royal Hospital Road, SW3.
January 21.

No welcome here

From Mr John R. Alderman

Sir, An elderly, distinguished Indian friend telephoned to inform me that he would be unable to stop as planned in London on a trip to America. Despite knowing that he was to be an honoured guest at a conference in Chicago and having his travel documents in order, British consular officials had refused him a visa for a four-day stay unless he travelled hundreds of miles from his home to Madras for a personal interview.

I had no answer to his deep sense of anger and humiliation. He is one of India's most eminent art connoisseurs and has generously lent objects from his collections to UK exhibitions over the years, most particularly in the 1982 Festival of India. For over 30 years he has shared his knowledge and offered hospitality to scholars from Britain.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN R. ALDERMAN,
Flat 6, 37 De Vere Gardens, W8.
January 16.

Written in the stars?

From Mr Walter Bealby

Sir, Patrick Moore, of course, is right (letter, January 24) — all astrology is tosh. I suppose, like all Pisceans (or should I now say Aquarians?), he is sceptical by nature.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER BEALBY,
5 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.
January 24.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 24: The Governor-General designate of Canada and Madame Leblanc have left the House.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 24: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
January 24: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as *Lady-in-Waiting* to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 24: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, was present at a Regimental Dinner in the Headquarters Sergeants' Mess, The Princess Royal Barracks Blackdown, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Notting Hill Housing Trust, this afternoon opened John Kennedy Lodge, 73 Mildmay Street, London N1. Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
January 24: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Technology and Hospitality Centre, North West College of Technology, Dering Way, Gravesend, Kent, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (The Lord Kingsdown).

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited Telspeck Europe Limited, Lancaster Parker Road, Rochester Airport, Rochester, Kent.

The Duke of Kent, Trustee, this evening attended a dinner in honour of Sir Austin Pearce, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
January 24: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited the offices of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, 37/43 Sackville Street, London W1.

Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of Elizabeth FitzRoy Homes, later received Mr David McCubbin upon retiring as Chairman and Mr Blaise Hardman on assuming this appointment.

Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Alzheimer's Disease Society, subsequently received Dr Nori Graham upon retiring as Chairman and Mr Brian Roycroft on assuming this appointment.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a carers in employment *seminar at the Bowring Building,* Tower Place, EC3, at 10.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a thank you reception at Unilever House, Blackfriars, at noon; as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend the National Primary Schools' *Crime Prevention conference* at the New Connaught Rooms at 2.00; as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a reception for sponsors at St James's Palace at 6.15; and as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the 75th birthday private appeal dinner at South Africa House at 7.50.

Birthdays today

The Rev Professor G.W. Anderson, theologian, 82; Mrs Cory Aquino, former President of The Philippines, 52; Sir Tom Arnold, MP, 48; Mr Raymond Baxter, broadcaster, 73; Viscount Blakenham, 57; Mr Russell Braddon, author, 74; the Most Rev Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir David Clutterbuck, 82; the Earl of *Coventry, 61; Miss Emma Freud,* broadcaster, 33; Sir Paul Girolami, former chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 69; Mr Brian Hayes, an HM Inspector of Constabulary, South East Region, 55; Lord Iliffe, 87; Professor G.E.R. Lloyd, Master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 62; Sir James Mellon, diplomat, 66; *Sir David* Nicholas, former chairman and chief executive, ITN, 65; Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, 62; Mr William O'Brien, MP, 66; Air Commodore A.A. Reed, former director, RAF Nursing Services, 65; Mr David Shattock, Chief Constable, Avon and Somerset, 59; Mr Tom Shebbeare, director, The Prince's Trust and The Royal Jubilee Trusts, 43; Miss Angela Thorne, actress, 56; Professor Edward Ullendorff, former Professor of Ethiopian Studies, 75; Viscount Watkinson, CH, 85; Admiral Sir Peter White, 76.

The Countess of Yarmouth gave birth to a son at Warwick Hospital yesterday.

The Valentine Ball

The Valentine Ball will be held for 3,000 guests at The Café Royal on Friday, February 10, 1995. Invitations and £38 tickets from 0171-931 8849.

Sevenoaks School

The Governors of Sevenoaks School *wish to announce that the Head*master, Mr R.P. Barker, has informed them of his intention to retire. Richard and Imogen Barker will leave the School at the end of the Summer term 1996 after 15 years of outstanding service.

Luncheons

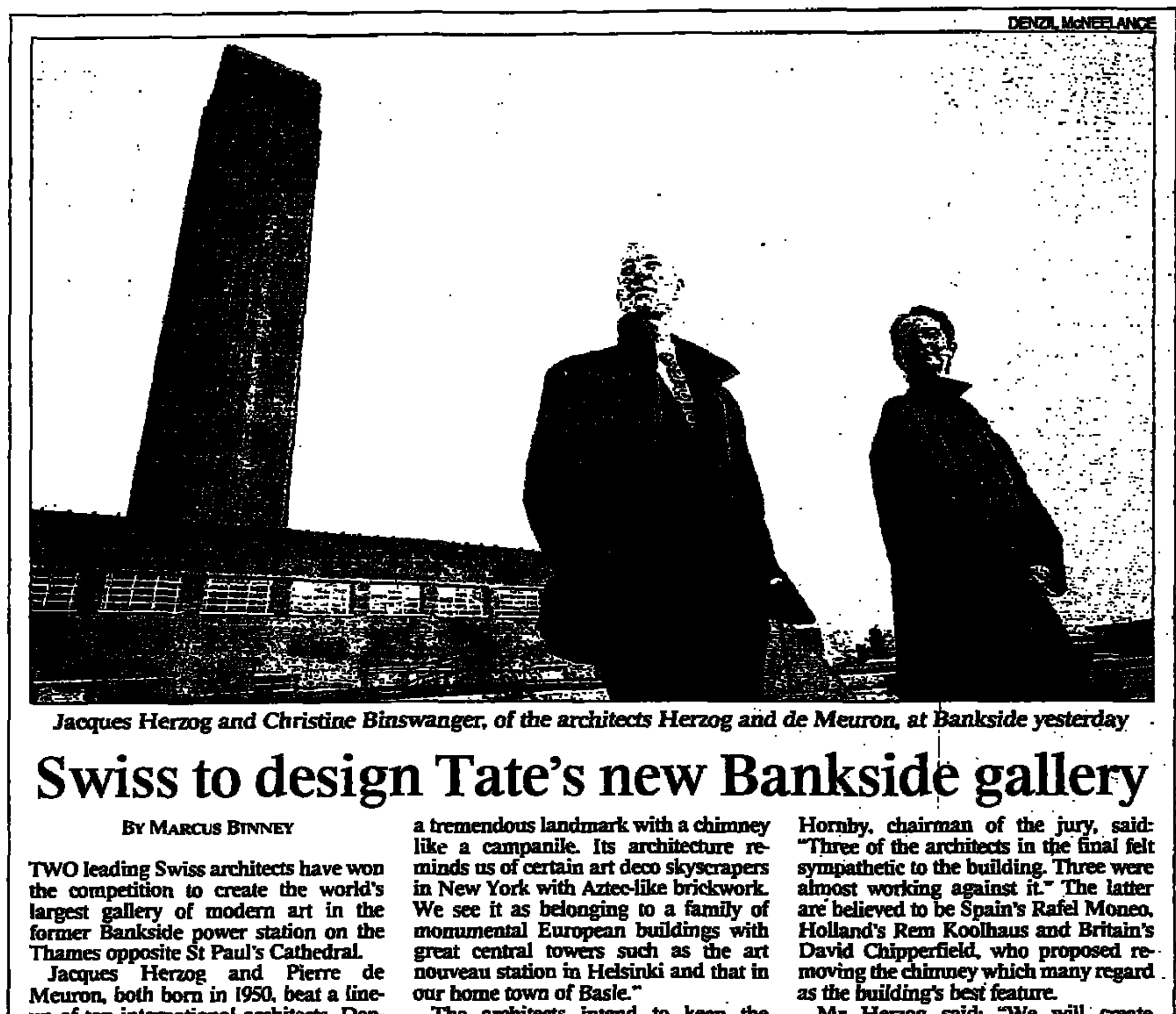
Glovers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Jonathan Charkham, were presented with gloves by Mr John Gardner, Master of the Glovers' Company, at a luncheon held yesterday at Skinners' Hall.

The Lord Mayor presented the prizes to the winners of the Glove Guild of Great Britain's annual design competition and a shield to the recipient of a new Glovers' Company bursary to a first year student at Cordwainers' College.

Painter-Stainers' Company
At a court meeting of the Painter-Stainers' Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall, the Master, Mr Richard E. Biscoe-Taylor, presented the *Honorary Freedom of the Company* to Miss Susan Liggett, winner of the Painter-Stainers' Cyril Sweett award in 1994. The annual Freemen's luncheon was held afterwards.

Service dinner

The Royal Logistic Corps
The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Logistic Corps, last night attended a Corps Guest Night dinner in the Headquarters Sergeants' Mess Deepcut.


DENZIL McNEELANCE

Jacques Herzog and Christine Binswanger, of the architects Herzog and de Meuron, at Bankside yesterday

Swiss to design Tate's new Bankside gallery

By Marcus Binney

TWO leading Swiss architects have won the competition to create the world's largest gallery of modern art in the former Bankside power station on the Thames opposite St Paul's Cathedral.

Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron, both born in 1950, beat a line-up of top international architects. Dennis Stevenson, chairman of the Tate trustees, said: "This was a unanimous decision by both the jury and the trustees. There will be no changes of *mind.*"

The Tate intends that the new £100 million gallery will open in the year 2000. It has been granted an option on the 8.5 acre site from Nuclear Electric and will be applying for a £50 million grant from the Millennium Fund in April.

Nicholas Serota, the Tate's director, says:"These architects design buildings which people young and old enjoy using. No one will feel intimidated. They have a way of working with materials that is not at all precious. Above all they have a real dedication to art and artists."

Mr Herzog said: "The power station is a tremendous landmark with a chimney like a campanile. Its architecture reminds us of certain art deco skyscrapers in New York with Aztec-like brickwork. We see it as belonging to a family of monumental European buildings with great central towers such as the art nouveau station in Helsinki and that in our home town of Basle."

The architects intend to keep the turbine hall — 500ft long and 80ft high — as a single space. "Bankside will allow us to provide the very different types of space which today's artists require," Mr *Serota said. "They will be highly refined,* very modern galleries and large areas of raw, warehouse-type space."

The Tate expects the new gallery to attract up to two million visitors a year.

The reputation of Herzog and de Meuron has risen meteorically over the last few years with a series of competition wins. They have designed a much admired art gallery in Munich for the Goetz collection of contemporary art and will shortly complete a remarkable railway engine depot in Basle.

They beat both Italy's Renzo Piano and Japan's Tadao Ando. Sir Simon Hornby, chairman of the jury, said: "Three of the architects in the final felt sympathetic to the building. Three were almost working against it." The latter are believed to be Spain's Rafel Moneo, Holland's Rem Koolhaus and Britain's David Chipperfield, who proposed removing the chimney which many regard as the building's best feature.

Mr Herzog said: "We will create entrances on all four sides of the building so people can enjoy it whether or not they are coming to look at the pictures." The main galleries will all be *on the riverfront lit by the power* station's existing windows. On the roof, a new glass fronted penthouse-style addition will catch the eye from across the river at night and provide top lighting to galleries below.

The announcement makes the Tate's new gallery the number one contender among the 12 national projects which the Millennium Fund said it will support.

The power station was built from 1947-63, to the designs of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the architect of Battersea Power Station, Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral and the famous red telephone box.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.F. Charlesworth
and Miss L.J. Hicks
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Francis, elder son of Mr and Mrs Cliff Charlesworth, of Dorking, Surrey, and Lucinda Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hicks, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr V. Fras
and Miss T. Buchanan
The engagement is announced between Vladko, elder son of Mrs V. Fras and the late Mr V. Fras, of Zagreb, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alistair Buchanan, of Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire.

Mr C.H.A. Goodwin
and Miss A.T. Salvin
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mrs G.U. Goodwin, of Hellidon, Northamptonshire, and Mr T.R. Goodwin, of Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire, and Anna, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Salvin, of Croxdale Hall, Durham.

Mr J.D.G. Curtis
and Miss A.M.S. Bevington
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Curtis, of Clavering, Essex, and Alice, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Loder Bevington, of Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire.

Mr P. Hickey
and Miss F. Badge
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mrs Susan Hickey, of Colchester, Essex, and Francesca, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Badge, of Horrabridge, Devon.

Mr W.P. Ledger
and Miss S.C. Taylor
The engagement is announced between William Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Ledger, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Samantha Clare, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Taylor, of Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Mr K.S. Neary
and Ms A.J.H. Mara
The engagement is announced between Keith, eldest son of the late Mr T.A. Neary and of Mrs C. Neary, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Alison, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel R.H. Davies and Mrs J.L. Davies, of Wellington, Shropshire.

Mr B.J.A. Padovan
and Miss A.S. Gibbs
The engagement is announced between Benedict, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Padovan, of Westminster, and Arabella, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Gibbs, of Upper Kennards, Leigh, Kent.

Mr S.J. Thompsett
and Miss M.M. Devine
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs C. Thompsett, of Littleton, Winchester, and Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Devine, of Belfast.

Mr C. Peel
and Miss G. Roslin
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs James Peel, of Glasgow, and Gaby, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Roslin, of London.

Mr S.P. Sunderland
and Ms U.E.E. Cradock
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr Stephen Sunderland and of Mrs Elaine Sunderland, of Hurlingham Court, London, SW6, and Ursula, elder daughter of the late Mr Robert Cradock and of Mrs Judith Cradock, of White Ledges, Ealing, London, W13.

Mr M.D. Tottman
and Miss R.E. Thornhill
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stan Tottman, of Bromley, Kent, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Thornhill, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Horticulture

Winter's colours draw the crowds

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

LENTEN roses or hellebores, winter-flowering hardy perennials, are drawing the crowds at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, especially a collection of new hybrids in a wide range of unusual colours.

These are being shown by the raisers, Ashwood Nurseries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands, and are known as the "Ashwood Garden Hybrids". They come in shades of pink, red, purple, black and grey, as well as greens and yellows, *some spotted, others* in plain colours. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Blackthorn Nursery, of Alresford, Hampshire, are also showing hellebores of their own raising, including "Party Dress Hybrids" which have double flowers in colours ranging from deep purple, through pinks to yellow.

Other gold medal winners are Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset, showing small and miniature bulbs, and Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, showing seasonal trees, shrubs and other plants.

Another highlight of the show, which opened in Westminster yesterday, is the collection of prints of paintings of Japanese plants, created by Keiga Kawahara between *1824 and 1829. These paintings* were virtually unknown until last year when they were published in four volumes by the Maruzen Company, of Tokyo, which provided this exhibit. The volumes are entitled *Siebold's Florilegium of Japanese Plants* as the artist was employed by the German naturalist and doctor, Philipp Franz von Siebold, to illustrate plants on the man-made island of Deshima. Keiga was something of a revolutionary, for, unlike previous Japanese plant illustrators, he included floral detail, thus introducing the first taste of foreign influence on Japanese art.

Miniature hardy cyclamen are also featured strongly at this show, mainly *Cyclamen coum* in various colour forms. In another exhibit from Ashwood Nurseries, which has also been awarded a gold medal, there are bold drifts of these cyclamen in magenta, rose, shell pink and white under yellow and orange witch hazels. The Cyclamen Society, of Epsom, Surrey, is *also showing colour forms of C.coum.*

Snowdrops are also among the bulbous highlights and on the stand of Foxgrove Plants, of Newbury, Berkshire, they range from the short and fat "Tubby Merlin" to the tall and graceful "Limetree". In between are lots of other cultivars with only very subtle differences.

Holden Clough Nurseries, of Bolton-by-Bowland, are showing how foliage, berries and bark can brighten up Pennine gardens during the characteristic long hard winters. Particularly eye-catching is the brilliant yellow foliage of *Ilex crenata* "Golden Gem" and the coral-pink bark of *Acer pennsylvanicum* "Erythrocladum".

The Imperial Bulb Company, of York, has introduced a touch of the exotic with bulbous and other plants including pale blue *Agapanthus* "Cape Skies", dark blue *Agapanthus* "Too Blue", and *Sandersonia aurantiaca* with brilliant orange pendulous bell-shaped flowers.

Exotic shrubs and trees have gained a first prize for Mr. R. Dorrien-Smith, of Tresco Abbey Gardens, Isles of Scilly, in the RHS ornamental plants competition. He is showing *Coleonema album* (with minute white flowers on a heather-like plant), *Leucadendron laureolum* (with butter-yellow *bracts surrounding the flowers*), and *Agonis flexuosa* (with clusters of small white, crimson-centred flowers).

Also in this competition, Mrs Jill Wright, of Cowden, Kent, has scooped several first prizes with *Prostanthera rotundifolia* (purple flowers, aromatic foliage), *Rhamnus argenteovariegatus* (variegated foliage), *Helleborus* "Ashwood", and *Hamamelis mollis* "Pallida" (pale yellow flowers).

Botanical artists who have won gold medals are: Martin J. Allen, of Acklam, Cleveland (watercolour paintings of Leguminosae); Francesca Anderson, of New York, USA (pen and ink drawings of amaryllis); Celia Hegedus, of Hammersmith, London (watercolour paintings of iris, tulip, anemones, fritillarias and poppy); and Lorna Minton, of Twyford, Berkshire (watercolour paintings of lathyrus).

The show, in the New Horti*cultural Hall, Greycoat Street,* Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Edmund Campion, Jesuit martyr, London, 1540; Robert Boyle, chemist, Lissmore, Co Waterford, 1627; Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Turin, 1736; Robert Burns, poet, Alloway, 1759; Sir Francis Burdett, politician, 1770; William McGillivray, naturalist, Old Aberdeen, 1796; John Arbuthnot Fisher, 1st Baron Fisher, admiral of the fleet, Ceylon, 1841; William Somerset Maugham, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1874; Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic, London, 1882; Wilhelm Furtwangler, conductor, Berlin, 1886.
DEATHS: Robert Burton, author of Anatomy of Melancholy, Oxford, 1640; William Shield, composer, London, 1829; Dorothy Wordsworth, writer, Rydal, Cumbria, 1855; Frederic Leighton, Baron Leighton, President of the Royal Academy 1878-96, Kensington, 1896; Ouida (pseudonym of Louise de la Ramée), *novelist, Viareggio, Italy, 1908.*

Dinners

Britain-Australia Society
Sir John Leahy, Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society, presided at *the annual dinner held last night at* the Dorchester hotel to mark Australia Day (January 26). Mr Neal Blewett, the Australian High Commissioner, and Baroness Brigstocke also spoke. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, president, and the Australian Agents-General were present.

United & Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was the chairman of a dinner given by the United and Cecil Club last night at the House of Commons. Mr Richard Ryder, MP, was the principal guest. Mrs Judith Aungier also spoke.

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BIRTHS

BEAGLEY - On January 23rd, to Gillian (née Mealey) and Christopher, a daughter, Ella Rachel, a sister and ally for Rebecca and James.

BROWN - On 16th January, to Emma (née Martin) and Rory, a daughter, Cara Alice.

DOBIAS - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Mandi and Michael, the gift of a most precious son, Joshua Daniel Frank.

FOLEY - On Friday January 20th at The Whittington Hospital, Highgate, to Caroline (née O'Connor) and John, a son, Joseph Augustine, a brother for Sean, Hannah and Katie.

HATCH - On 16th January, to Michelle (née Golding) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Ieuan.

McKAY - Maximillian Duncan, son to Duncan Robert and Amara Jane McKay, and brother to *Sebastienne Amorelle, born* on 19th January 1995.

MOORE - Double trouble at The Portland Hospital, McLean Lindsay and Dillon Cleary make bigbigbig and bigbig sisters of Erin and Sam Yehawi

MORRISON - Sophia and Alastair at Wellington Hospital 22nd January, a daughter, Nancy Lorna.

MURRAY - On 24th January 1995, in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, to Judy (née Westall) and Kelvin, a son, Nathaniel Campbell.

PAWLEY - On January 19th 1995, to Ann (née Shepherd) and Michael, a son, Daniel James.

RADFORD - On 24th January 1995, to Tim and Camilla (née Maitland), a son, Harry.

SANDISON - On 23rd January, in Edinburgh, to Lesley (née Finlayson) and Jamie, a son, Charles John.

SAYER - On January 19th 1995, to Sophie (née Robson) and Hugh, a son, Henry William Francis.

WHEELER - On January 21st 1995, to Miranda (née Holbrook) and Mark, a son, Frederick Thomas Handley.

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DEATHS

ADAMS - (née Clarke) on 22nd January, peacefully in hospital in Bury St Edmunds, after a brief illness, Angela Mary aged 74 years, wife of the late Lt. Col. Arnold *Adams, beloved mother of* Tim and Peter. For funeral details contact L. Fulcher Funeral Directors, (0284) 754049.

BARROW - Matthew Peter, tragically on 22nd January, *beloved husband of Lucinda,* adored father of Edward, Alice and Eliza and dear son of Gerald and Jill. A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring.

BERTRAM - On 23rd *January, Lt. Col. Richard* Bertram passed away peacefully at home, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Betty-Grandi and much loved father of Elizabeth, William and Thomas. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Sherington, on Tuesday 31st *January at 2.30 pm. Flowers* or donations for the Foscote Hospital, may be sent to J & M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

BLAKE - On January 24th *1995, peacefully in hospital,* Patricia Mary (née Waters), much loved wife of Robert (Lord Blake) and mother of Deborah, Letitia and Vicky. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Braydeston, Norfolk, on Monday January 30th at 11.30 am. Flowers to John Gedge & Sons, Garden Road, Blofield, Norwich, by 10 am please.

BUDD - On 22nd January 1995, Kenneth George of Westerham, gifted Mosaic Mural Artist. Loved and loving husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation. Private cremation then Service of Celebration United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, 1.30pm 1st February.

CLANCY - On 21st January 1995 (peacefully) at hospital, Brendan K. BSc. C.Eng. F.I.C.E., 7 Gordonville, Coleraine, Northern Ireland, beloved husband of the late Eileen and dear brother of Aidan and the Rev. Barry Clancy. R.I.P. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 25th January at 10 am in St Malachys Church, Coleraine, followed by cremation at Roselawn Crematorium, Belfast at 2.30pm. Donations if desired for N.I. Hospice c/o Mrs *Mona* Murdock, 31 Bushmills Road, Coleraine, tel: (01265) 43350. Deeply regretted by his brothers, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and the entire family circle.

CLEMENTS - On 23rd January 1995, at Whitchurch, Hampshire, Dr. Neil Gordon Clements, in his 86th year. *Husband of the* late Gwendoline Peggy Clements and son of the late Mr & Mrs William G. Clements, of Helensburgh. Enquiries to Howe & Son, Funeral Directors, Kingsclere, tel: (0635) 298303.

COLEMAN - Michael, beloved husband of Benita, died suddenly, January 22nd. Journalist, who will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who *knew him.* Funeral at West Norwood Cemetery, February 6th at 2 pm.

COOKE - On January 21st James, after a long illness borne with courage - much *loved husband of* Rosemary and stepfather of Jane, Sue, Judy and Mike. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday 6th February at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council c/o Hodges & Co., 89 St Johns Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PE.

DAVID - Paul Alfred Scott, died peacefully on January 21st 1995 at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge. Second son of the late Rev. F.P. and Mrs David of Winchester.

DENT - On January 23rd 1995, in Cullompton, Devon, Professor Harold Collett, aged 100 years, formerly of Whatlington, East Sussex. Beloved husband of the late Winifred, a *loving father* and grandfather. Service and cremation at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Friday January 27th at 10.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Andrews Residential Home, Pye Corner, Cullompton.

ELLIS - Veronica, beloved wife of Timothy for over 50 years, devoted mother and grandmother. Peacefully on 21st January. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at *Holy* Trinity Church, Bungay, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 28th January. No flowers please, but donations - if desired - to Action for the Crippled Child (c/o Midland Bank, 7 Market Place, Holt, Norfolk).

FLINDALL - Eleanor Louise, on January 24th, darling mother of Nicola, Rachel, Jeremy and Jolyon, much loved grandmother of Margaux, Oliver and William, peacefully at home surrounded by love. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service to be held at St Anthony's Church, Radlett, on Friday 27th January at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Garston Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Ward Fund, Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN.

HANCOCK - Suddenly on January 23rd 1995, Robin Hancock T.D. Fellow F.I.P.S. of Jevington, East Sussex. Husband of Vida (Bunty) and father of Mark and Jocelyn. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium, Main Chapel, on Wednesday February 1st at 4 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Royal British Legion c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

INCHBALD - Mary, widow of Geoffrey, on 23rd January, in hospital, aged 74 years. Funeral 10.15 am Friday 27th January at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Friends of St Charles' Hospital, Exmoor Street, London W10.

JENNINGS - Reverend Derek *Andrew,* on 23rd January 1995, peacefully after a short illness. Born 19th November 1946. Ordained Priest 20th July 1987. Requiem Mass at Brompton Oratory 11 am 30th January 1995. No flowers by request. R.I.P.

JONES - Frank Charles, of Dartmouth, *formerly* of Derby, on 21st January suddenly at Torbay Hospital, aged 78. Beloved husband of Gwen, much loved father of Susan and Helen, dear father-in-law and grandfather. Will be sadly missed *by his family and* friends. Funeral Service at Flavel Church, Dartmouth, on Tuesday 31st January at 1 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Flavel Church, Dartmouth. All enquiries to R.C. Pillar & Sons Ltd., Dartmouth. (0803) 832121.

JOYCE - On 20th January, peacefully at Charmouth, Dorset, Peter Thomas Joyce MA (Cantab), MBA, of Whitchurch Canonicorum, Bridport, formerly of Ansty, Dorset. Funeral Service at St Candida and Holy Cross, Whitchurch Canonicorum, on Friday 3rd February at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Pilsdon Community, Pilsdon, Bridport, Dorset.

KIDD - On 21st January 1995, in hospital, John, very beloved husband of Meg. Cremation at Golders Green, 27th January at 3.15 pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Park View Ward, St Pancras Hospital, London NW1 0PE.

KILNER - On Saturday January 21st as the result of a tragic road accident, *Harry* Kilner aged 24 years, of Choppards Mill, Holmfirth, beloved son of Jeremy and Celia Kilner, a dearly loved brother of Elnio and Thomas and a devoted grandson of Stowell Kenyon and dearest friend of Clare. Service takes place at Holmfirth Parish Church on *Friday January* 27th at 11.30 am, to be followed by a private interment. Family flowers only please to the Highfield Funeral Home, Huddersfield, but donations in lieu if desired to The Winged Fellowship Trust, Angel House, 20-32 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD.

KING - Gerald Hyam MBE, publisher and bookseller, husband of Prudence, peacefully at home on Tuesday 24th January 1995.

LAMBERT - The Hon. Margaret Lambert CMG, younger daughter of the 1st Viscount Lambert, peacefully at her home in Islington on Sunday 22nd January 1995, aged 88. Funeral at 11.15am on Friday 27th January at Golders Green Crematorium. *Flowers if desired to W.G.* Miller, 93-95 Essex Road, London N1, tel: (071) 226-3886.

LEA - On January 23rd 1995, in the High Wycombe General Hospital, after many months of great suffering, heroically borne, Kathleen Marguerite Lea. At one time Vice *Principal of Lady* Margaret Hall. Requiem Eucharist at Beckley Parish Church, Monday January 30th at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Beckley Church.

MAIZELS - Spencer died peacefully at home on January 22nd aged 43. Much loved by his wife Charlotta, his children James, Lucy and Tom and dearly loved by *his father* and sister. Family *funeral.* Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

McCONNELL - Tynemouth, peacefully at home, after a short illness on January 23rd, Maurice Forsyth, dearly loved husband of Eileen. Funeral Service at the Church of the Holy Saviour on Friday January 27th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St Oswald's Hospice c/o E. Turnbull & Son, Albion Road, North Shields, NE29 0HE.

NIXON - On January 23rd 1995 Amy Amelia (Kerry) aged 92 years; for 58 years dear wife of the late Frank Nixon C.B.E., and a loving and dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Friday January 27th, service 3.15 pm at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby. No flowers please, donations in lieu may be sent to The British Humanist Association, 47 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8SP.

O'HANNA - London and Schull, Ireland, on January 20th 1995, following an accident, Keith, dearly loved husband of Marissia and loving father of Maria Victoria, son *of Margaret* and the late Lawrence and brother of Lawrence, Margaret, Michele and the late Victoria. Sadly missed by his loving family, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace. Funeral Service will take place in Ireland. Memorial Service later in London.

PALMER - Christopher Francis, on 22nd January 1995, at St Bartholomew's Hospital, dearly beloved elder son of Frances Palmer and the late Geoffrey E. Palmer D.F.C. Flowers, or donations to Musicians' Benevolent Fund. Cremation Golders Green Crematorium, 4 pm 25th January. Enquiries tel: 071-328 5689.

PARKER - Reginald Charles - B.Sc., PhD., F.Inst.P., *F.I.Mech.E.,* - aged 81 years. Thursday, 19th January peacefully at home in *Berkhamsted after a short illness.* Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral 3.30pm at Amersham Crematorium on Friday, 27th January. Family flowers only - donations if so desired for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home to *J. Worley Ltd.,* High Street, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. (0442) 870326.

PORTER - Andrew Martin aged 32, died peacefully at his home in Nottingham on January 21st. Formerly of Dougie Squires Second Generation, West End theatre, dancer and fashion model. Service at St Helens Church, Trowell, Nottingham, on Monday February 6th 1995 at midday. Funeral Directors A.W. Lymn of Nottingham, Robin Hood House, Nottingham who can provide *further information.*

PRICHARD - Florence Gertrude aged 92, died on January 18th, widow of Basil. Much loved aunt and godmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bearwood, on Tuesday January 31st at 10.45 am, followed by cremation at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, Birmingham at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

RENDELL - Sir William Rendell, on 20th January, after a short illness, beloved husband of Annette. Cremation 2.30 pm 1st February at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to McMillan Nurses Fund c/o Dudley-Cooke Howe & Rake Solicitors, 65 London Wall, EC2M 5TU.

WALLIS - On 17th January 1995, James Charles, aged 60, beloved husband of Elsie, devoted father of Lee, Amanda and grandfather of Henry James. Private funeral service Tonbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday January 27th. Memorial Service to be arranged. All enquiries to W & F Groombridge Funeral Services, 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2RS, tel: (0732) 353964.

WICKHAM-SMITH - Bridget Anne, on January 20th, at the BUPA Hospital, Havant, *aged 84 years.* Beloved wife of Frank, mother of Simon, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs K.S. Southam of Rowlands Castle and sister of Jill, peacefully after a long illness courageously and patiently borne. Requiem Mass to be celebrated at the R.C. Church *of St Michael* and All Angels, Leigh Park, Havant, on Monday January 30th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at Chichester at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent c/o W. *Wraight &* Son, The Square, Emsworth, Hampshire. (0243) 372255.

WINDERS - Eve (née Martin) of Sherborne, Dorset, beloved wife of John Winders, passed away peacefully January 23rd 1995. *Funeral* Service will take place on January 30th at 3.30 pm at Yeovil Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Help the Aged c/o W.S. Brister & Son Funeral Directors, Old Market, Hound Street, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3AB.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

RICKARDS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jo Rickards will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Monday 13th February at 12 noon. There will be a special collection in aid of the restoration of the organ.

WILD - Brigitte (Gigi). A Memorial Concert will be held in Haldane Room, University College, Gower Street, London WC1, on Saturday 11th February at 3pm. To reserve a place telephone (071) 704-2548.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

MATTHEWS - T.J., (née Tracy Davall), much loved and greatly missed mother of Clio and Ella and wife of Peter. B.16.4.58. D.25.1.92.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

ANDREAE - A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for the life of John Edward Andreae at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Wednesday February 15th at 3pm.

MAIZELS - The Thanksgiving Service for Spencer Maizels will be held on Wednesday February 8th at 2.30 pm at St John's Church, Ladbroke Grove, London W11. All welcome. Enquiries to Maizels, Westerberg & Co., (071) 628-4600.

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OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER SIR ALEXANDER STANIER, Bt

Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, Bt, DSO and Bar, MC, whose assault brigade took Arromanches on D-Day, died on January 10 aged 95. He was born on January 31, 1899.

ALEXANDER STANIER was, at the time of his death, the "father" of the Welsh Guards, being one of the early members when the regiment was formed during the First World War. He was a veteran of both world wars, winning the MC as a teenager in 1918, his first DSO in 1940 and his second in 1945.

At the outbreak of war in September 1939, Stanier was given the task of raising the 2nd Battalion, the Welsh Guards. When in May 1940 it was clear that the BEF would have to be evacuated from France, the battalion was grouped with the 2nd Irish Guards as the 20th Guards Brigade and shipped to Boulogne to cover the withdrawal of BEF units through the port. It proved a hazardous assignment. By the time the War Office ordered Boulogne's evacuation British destroyers were firing at German tanks on the quays. Thanks to Stanier's well managed dispositions and his personal bravery, the battalion, although badly mauled, was successfully evacuated by the Navy instead of being marched off into captivity. His first DSO was his reward.

Promoted brigadier on his return from France, he was given command of a series of brigades deployed on Home Defence as the Army was rebuilt after Dunkirk. He lost an eye in a training exercise when a soldier dropped a primed grenade by mistake. Fortunately, the doctors did not downgrade him medically. By 1943 the order of battle for Normandy was beginning to take shape. Stanier was given 231 Infantry brigade of the 50th Division, which was to make the most westerly British assault, aimed at clearing the Arromanches area where the Mulberry Harbour was to be built; 231 Brigade was to be one of its two assault brigades.

No large-scale military operation ever goes according to plan. The secret of success lies in the commander's ability to improvise. Stanier's brigade had its share of unforeseen disasters to contend with; there were wide gaps in the fire support plan due to loss of fire control vessels; the Allied air forces had missed the key German strong point at le Hammel; and the ground the brigade had to cross was far softer than expected. Stanier's powers of improvisation were not found wanting; Arromanches was in his hands by nightfall after a hard day's fighting.

Stanier was a man of great integrity; an excellent communicator with an intense interest in other people; and above all he had a great enthusiasm for soldiering. A Shropshireman by birth, he was a lover of most country pursuits. The eldest son of Sir Beville Stanier, a landowner and MP for North Shropshire who was created a baronet by Lloyd George for organising wartime sugar beet production, Alexander Beville Gibbons Stanier might well have followed his father into farming and politics had it not been for the First World War. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he was commissioned into the newly raised Welsh Guards in 1917 and soon joined the 1st Battalion in France.

As the German front began to crumble in 1918, he showed his aptitude for mobile warfare. The award of the MC did much to whet his enthusiasm for a military career. His father was still managing the family estates and seemed set to do so for some years, so he decided to stay with his regiment when the war ended.

Peacetime soldiering between the wars was far from dull. He served with the 1st Battalion in Germany, Egypt and Gibraltar, being its adjutant from 1923 to 1926. In 1927 he was appointed for three years as Military Secretary to the Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Charles Monro followed by General Sir Alexander Godley, both of whom were constantly under local pressure for greater Gibraltarian self-government.

Socially his father's political career brought him into contact with the leading politicians of the day and with the Royal Family. He became a close friend of the Duke of Windsor. He was also a friend of both the Romanian and Greek royal families. King George II of Greece became his son's godfather in 1934. And in the sporting field he was Master of the Household Brigade Drag Hounds in 1935.

After his Arromanches success Stanier commanded 231 Brigade with distinction throughout 50th Division's many hard-fought battles from Normandy to the German frontier, being awarded the Bar to his DSO in 1945 for operations in the Rhineland. He handed over his command as the war drew to its close to become the lieutenant-colonel commanding the Welsh Guards with the remit to prepare for demobilisation and postwar reorganisation. His task completed, he retired from the Army in 1948.

He then had the time and desire to take up the career which he had forsaken in favour of the Army. He immersed himself in farming and the local affairs of Shropshire, becoming a county councillor for eight years from 1950; High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant in 1951; and county president of St John Ambulance from 1950 to 1960. He attended the Queen's wedding and was an usher at the Silver Jubilee in 1977.

Throughout his retirement he maintained the closest links with Normandy and was one of the leading instigators of the Arromanches museum. He was lionised at Asnelles, east of Arromanches, where a square is named after him. He attended both the 40th and 50th anniversaries of D-Day, being the oldest surviving commander at the latter to which he was taken by helicopter. In 1988 President Mitterrand awarded him the Legion of Honour for his outstanding services to Anglo-French relations.

Shortly before he died, he was offered the freedom of Arromanches and the renaming of the town square after him. He hoped to receive these honours on this year's anniversary of D-Day. His son will represent him instead.

In 1927 Alexander Stanier married Dorothy Gladys Miller, daughter of Brigadier-General A. D. Miller. She survives him, together with a son, who served in the Welsh Guards, and a daughter.

J. A. GERE

J. A. Gere, Keeper of the Department of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum, 1973-81, died on January 11 aged 73. He was born on October 7, 1921.

JOHN GERE was the youngest of a golden line of connoisseurs of Italian Old Master drawings in this country. Along with such figures as A. E. Popham, K. T. Parker, James Byam Shaw and Philip Pouncey, he transformed the study of his chosen discipline. Moreover, like the great authorities of old stretching all the way back to Vasari by way of Lely and Reynolds, he was also a distinguished collector.

He combined penetrating intelligence with an eye that was second to none, and was an exceptionally gifted writer. Something of the flavour both of his scholarship and of his prose is captured by his observation: "It is one thing to make a satisfactory attribution, but quite another to explain it satisfactorily: sometimes as hard to put one's reasons into words as for a tea-taster to justify his preferences."

Gere's principal achievement was to distinguish between the drawings of Taddeo Zuccaro and those of his less talented but longer-lived younger brother, Federico. Gere's interest in Taddeo was already evident in a memorably assured review of Parker's catalogue of the Italian drawings in the Ashmolean Museum, which was published in *The Burlington Magazine* in 1957.

This was followed by a string of articles for the same periodical, as well as exhibitions at the Uffizi and the Louvre, which led up to *Taddeo Zuccaro: His development studied in his drawings* (1969), of which one reviewer remarked that "a more estimable book on the drawings of any artist would be hard to name".

Gere regarded the work on Taddeo as a necessary preliminary to volume V of the British Museum's catalogue of Italian drawings — *Artists working in Rome c1550 to c1640* (1983, written in collaboration with Pouncey). But there were other important contributions, such as an article in *Master Drawings* on Niccolo Martinelli, called Trometta (1963), and an outstanding book on *Il manierismo a Roma* (1971) in an exemplary popular series on drawings, which also prepared the ground.

It would be wrong to suppose, however, that Gere was happiest when studying masters who were not of the first rank. With Pouncey he produced *Raphael and his Circle* (1962) for the British Museum's series of catalogues, together with exhibitions on the artist for the BM (with Nicholas Turner) in 1983 and the Pierpoint Morgan Library in 1987. He was also responsible for a major Michelangelo exhibition at the British Museum in 1975.

John Arthur Giles Gere — always J. A. in print — was educated at Winchester and Balliol College, Oxford. He joined the Print Room of the British Museum as an Assistant Keeper in 1946, became Deputy Keeper in 1966, and was Keeper from 1973 to 1981. In a rare autobiographical aside, he described himself as "an inexperienced novice" at the start, and referred to the work he undertook at that time on Popham and Pouncey's catalogue of the museum's 14th and 15th-century Italian drawings as perhaps the most valuable part of his entire education.

Gere and Pouncey made a formidable team, great friends if very different characters, united in their common commitment to accuracy. In recent years the writing of various tributes to Pouncey allowed Gere to discuss their shared métier in a more general way than his precise brand of scholarship would otherwise have permitted. An obituary of Pouncey concluded with an anecdote concerning burglars who proved indifferent to drawings, and ended with the sentence: "He found it astonishing that the criminal classes should be so completely without intellectual curiosity." By contrast, Gere was only too well aware that the study of "art history", which is dismissively barricaded behind inverted commas, was not invariably accompanied by a love of art.

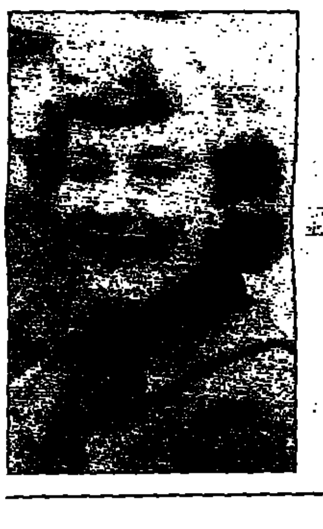
Beyond the confines of the Print Room and the catalogue entry, at the Society of Dilettanti and wherever he felt at home, Gere was a widely entertaining and quick-witted companion. As thoroughly well versed in English literature as in Italian art, he claimed his favourite reading matter consisted of ecclesiastical biographies.

He was also a collector of human follies on a scale worthy of Flaubert. This side of him received public expression in his co-editing, with John Sparrow, of *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981), some of whose choicer passages might easily have been their own.

Hard to imagine not wearing a suit and tie, and gleefully insistent that he was an old buffer, it was typical of him to contribute a letter to the *Spectator* on the subject of four buttons on the cuff, demonstrating that almost every young fogey about town was committing an appalling sartorial solecism.

He married, in 1958, Charlotte Douie, whose taste and judgment in matters of art complemented his own. She survives him together with a son and a daughter.

HOPE MONTGOMERY SCOTT



Hope Montgomery Scott, socialite, horsewoman and dairy farmer, died in Pennsylvania on January 9 aged 90. She was born in Philadelphia on April 8, 1904.

IT WAS no secret that the life of Hope Scott formed the basis of the play and the film *The Philadelphia Story*, starring Katharine Hepburn, and its later remake as *High Society* with Grace Kelly in the leading role. But if Scott objected to her portrayal as the rich and wilful Tracy Lord she was much too ladylike to say so. "We were thrilled," she said after the opening night of Philip Barry's play in New York City in 1939. "But I was amazed because I didn't think we were all that interesting to write about." Millions disagreed. They found vast entertainment in the heroine's unashamed enjoyment of her wealthy lifestyle during an era of gloom and depression.

Helen Hope Montgomery had been born to riches, the daughter of a Philadelphia financier, Colonel Robert Montgomery, and she went on to marry further wealth in the person of Edgar Scott, the heir to the Pennsylvania Railroad fortune. Both families were prominent members of Philadelphia society, enjoying a lifestyle of which Scott took full advantage.

"Everybody had so much more money — there were so few taxes, you see," she recalled later. "People gave grand dinner parties and dances; women wore wonderful dresses and men came in fine evening clothes. Usually there would be two orchestras — a swing band and Hungarian music — and there would be divine food like terrapin and champagne." She liked to boast that on the night of her social debut in 1922 she had four proposals of marriage, all of which she rejected.

Scott was unabashed about the wilful ways of her youth. "I may have shocked some people in my day, but I never meant to. I've gone to races in an evening gown. Once I got locked in the rumble seat of a car — with a British trainer, no less."

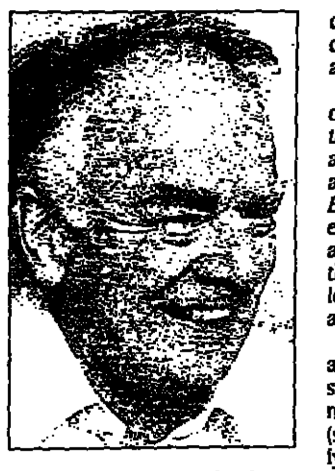
An accomplished horsewoman who began competing at the age of 13, Scott was the first woman in America to judge a National Horse Show and the first to be honoured by the all-male Professional Horseman's Association. She continued to hunt until the replacement of both hips in old age compelled her to give up the saddle.

Notably unstuffy in spite of her wealth, Scott took pleasure in leading a double life. On the one hand she was the accomplished socialite, voted one of the world's best-dressed women, who dined with the Duke of Windsor at the Stork Club and with Winston Churchill on board Aristotle Onassis's yacht. On the other she was a dedicated dairy farmer, tending her herd of pedigree Ayrshires in faded jeans and sweaters. She was no dilettante farmer. At the age of 90 she was still getting up at 5 am to superintend the milking of her cows, each one of which she had named. And it was in her fields that she met her end: knocked down by two pet donkeys she was trying to stable.

Hope Scott is survived by her husband, now aged 96, and by two sons.

PROFESSOR ERIC MOTTRAM

Eric Mottram, Professor of American Literature at King's College, London, 1983-90, died on January 16 aged 70. He was born on December 29, 1924.



ERIC MOTTRAM was the most internationally known of England's "unknown poets" and the most widely-read and distinguished authority in Europe on American literature and culture.

The son of a civil servant, he was educated at Blackpool Grammar School and in 1942 joined the Royal Navy which, he claimed, he chose as a result of reading sea stories. During the war he served in India, Burma, Ceylon and Thailand. The sea and the Far East made Melville and Conrad two of his favourite writers.

At Cambridge on a forces educational training grant he took a first in each part of the English Tripos, won the Jebb Studentship, and went to Zurich to teach (and learn about) American literature.

Mottram met distinguished United States scholars through the Salzburg seminars, and in 1952 he took a post at the University of Malaya. In 1954 he toured Angkor Wat (meeting Joseph Campbell "by accident") and in 1955 took up a post at the University of Groningen in The Netherlands.

In 1961, partly through the good offices of the American scholar Robert Spiller, he came to, and remained at, King's College London.

A post in American literature in this country was then sufficiently unusual for there to be a *Times* fourth leader marking his appointment. The American Embassy, noting with some amusement that he had not yet visited the United States, gave him a virtual carte blanche cheque to tour every part of the US.

In New York in 1965 Mottram experienced a year of intellectual and artistic explosion, meeting dozens of now famous poets, writers, jazz and classical musicians many of whom he would write about and who became faithful correspondents furnishing a now priceless collection of letters recording an important moment of 20th-century culture. For Mottram himself it was also a year of agonising self-doubt in the face of such self-confident American energy and talent.

Nonetheless, from this point on, he threw himself into a taxing double career as poet and academic. His public face as it appeared at the 1967 *Last Exit to Brooklyn* trial — or as editor of the *Poetry Review* for a brief and stormy period in the 1970s — constantly challenged inertia, mediocrity and authority.

He loathed the British literary Establishment with passion, published only in small magazines or fugitive journals (something which undoubtedly delayed professional recognition) and encouraged many young British poets like Tom Pickard, Barry MacSweeney, Allen Fisher, Bill Griffiths, Thomas A. Clark and Lee Harwood. In the end there were countless books and pamphlets on American literature and nearly two hundred articles. There are also more than twenty books of poetry.

With such energy and dynamism, there were inevitable frictions; but for those fortunate enough to be his pupils his friendship was warm and genuine. He would invite his doctoral students and others to his home, where he would wine and dine them with skill and enthusiasm, and play tapes of poets and selections from his huge collection of records and CDs of jazz and classical music.

He is survived by his brother and sister.

ON THIS DAY

January 25 1962

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TOO MUCH GABBLING AND SHOUTING

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Hermia	Rita Tushingham
Helena	Lynn Redgrave
Oberon	Colin Jeavons
Titania	Samantha Eggar
Puck	Alfred Lynch

Produced by Tony Richardson

This is the first Shakespeare play to be presented by the English Stage Company at the theatre which they have made a centre of the new drama. Under the shock of the dire result one is almost driven to hope that it will be the last.

Most of the young players obviously have been trained in the school of forceful realism that serves well enough for modern characters exploring some rough drama of the urban back streets. They are directed by Mr. Tony Richardson and yet make no approach to anything that can be called a decent Shakespearian style. Schoolboys taught to speak verse intelligently often make a vastly better showing than these young professional actors seem capable of making.

Pepys described this play as seventeenth-century actors presented it to him "as the most insipid, ridiculous play that I ever saw in my life." Anyone who has endured the present Court Theatre performance knows exactly what he meant.

The verse goes, not on tiptoe, quivering and agleam, but uniformly flat-footedly. It is often as difficult to follow its meaning as to hear the words, so given are the actors to gabbling or to shouting. Mr. Robert Lang, as Duke Theseus, and Mr. Colin Jeavons, as Oberon, are the only exceptions. They speak without much music but always plainly.

Miss Samantha Eggar turns Titania into a dull pantomime queen of the fairies. Mr. Alfred Lynch is a Puck made up to look like an escaped convict, and it is hard to believe that this heavy-footed fellow can girdle the world as many times as he wishes. The play only once momentarily takes wing and that is where the coy little fairies vanish to follow after the shades of night and their squealing fades into a music of horns heard distantly.

Nick Bottom is the one indispensable figure in the presentation of this comedy. It is his extraordinary capacity for being at home in the three worlds of classical antiquity, Elizabethan Warwickshire and the kingdom of the fairies that enables us to pass imaginatively from one of these levels to another. Mr. Colin Blakely's readiness to take everything mundane in his stride of simple indomitable assurance is never in doubt, but he is not so much at ease among the fairies.

The "lamentable comedy", when it comes to be played at Court, misses fire simply because the actors do not leave the nonsense Shakespeare has supplied to speak for itself but are constantly underlining absurdity of which they should be conscious.

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We love London, say investors

The capital's campaign to sell itself is succeeding. Christopher Warman reports

London will demonstrate its determination to remain a prime business location in Europe through its presence at Mipim '95, the international property market, which opens in Cannes on March 9.

The capital, recently named by a survey as the leading business location in Europe, will have the largest ever stand at the Mipim exhibition. It is funded by the Corporation of London, and developers and investors, and comes with a model of the City of London and Westminster. The 14m by 8m model will, for the first time, have a link to the Internet system so that people can access it electronically from anywhere in the world.

Augmenting London's presence, the London Docklands Development Corporation will take a separate stand as it aims to attract further inward investment.

The announcement of this commitment comes in the wake of a survey among the world's leading property investors and bankers which boosts London's position for the future. A Gallup survey for the international property consultants Richard Ellis showed that 68 per cent took the view that a change of government would not affect any future property decisions in the capital, and 10 per cent claimed that a Labour government would actually increase their intentions to invest in London. More than half — 61 per cent — said they thought that a Labour government would not affect, or would give greater support to, London as a financial centre. The survey was made last November among 62 companies in the UK, US, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada, Middle East, France, Germany and The Netherlands, and 51 international banks.

Emphasising a positive attitude among investors and bankers towards property in London over the next 12 months, 90 per cent of world investors intended to increase or maintain present levels of their investment exposure to London, while only 6 per cent expected it to decrease, and 80 per cent of bankers said that they would increase or maintain their level of lending to the London market. Eighty-two per cent of bankers said that they would increase their lending to UK property over the next 12 months, while only 14 per cent said they would decrease it.

The main reason for the upsurge in activity by both investors and lenders is the expectation by at least 61 per cent of investors that the market will continue to improve over the next 12 months, although 35 per cent think it will stay the same. Among bankers, 92 per cent believed that the property lending market would either improve or stay the same.

The expected improvement is underpinned by the belief that there will be rental growth and higher yields on property investment, which gives property a healthy position as a vehicle for investment compared with gilts and equities.

Comparing London with other European cities, more than half the investors believed that investment in London would perform better than Paris or Madrid, and half better or the same as Frankfurt or Brussels. Despite increasing competition, London is still the choice of 61 per cent for investment, while only 10 per cent of bankers said that they would prefer to lend on properties in cities other than London.

Within the UK, central London remains the most attractive investment area (85 per cent) for both UK and overseas investors. Outside London and the South East, the North East is attracting attention. The West Midlands is of greater interest to the UK investors than those from overseas, but by contrast London Docklands is viewed more positively by overseas investors (15 per cent), compared with 5 per cent of UK investors.

John Slade, the City investment head at Richard Ellis, says: "This survey is a vote for London, whichever party is in power."

In its second large acquisition in London in recent months, A.P. Fønden, the National Swedish Pension Fund, has acquired a long leasehold interest in Milton Gate, Moor Lane, in the City, from Land Securities for £76.5 million. The acquisition comes after A.P. Fønden's purchase of 1 Angel Court last summer

MARKET MOVES

M4 offices up to speed

ARLINGTON Property Developments is submitting a planning application for four office buildings totalling 120,000 sq ft in a new phase of its business park off the M4 at Reading. The last phase, Lakeside, was quickly taken up. If approved, work will start this spring.

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Wellcome leaves its Jacobean mansion

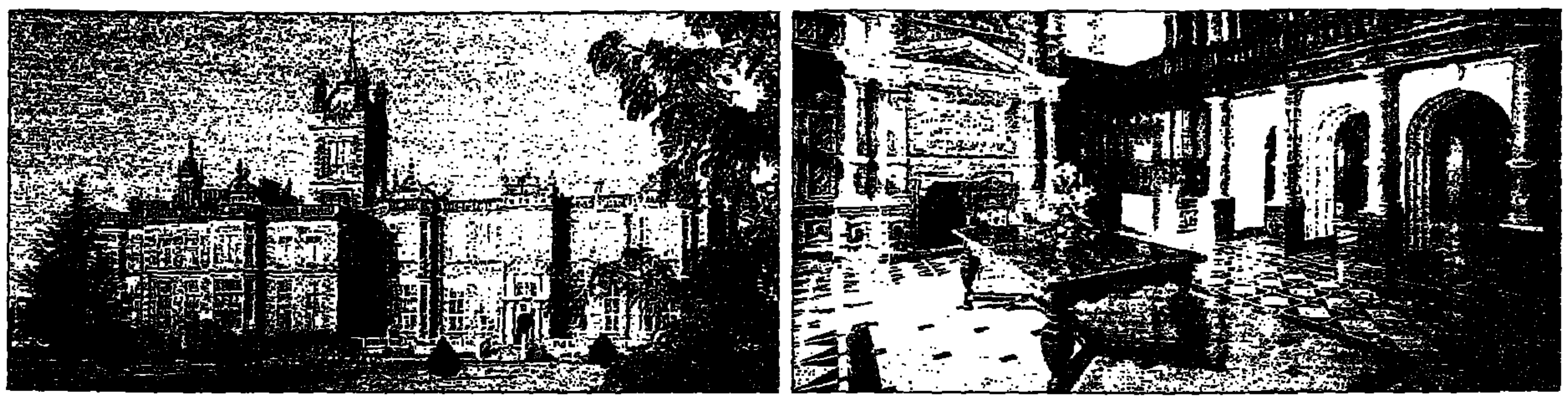
Christopher Warman spots an opportunity to buy a 48-acre estate full of accommodation and office potential

Crewe Hall in Cheshire is a Grade I listed Jacobean mansion that was for 26 years a regional headquarters of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the pharmaceuticals group, Wellcome plc.

The 48-acre Crewe Hall estate, two miles from Crewe, which has now been vacated by the company, comes on to the market just as Glaxo has announced an £8.9 billion bid for Wellcome — probably a British record.

In addition to the main house, which has 33,000 sq ft of office accommodation in its 190 rooms, the estate includes a further 20,000 sq ft of office space in the converted quadrangle stable block. The Ranulphe Industrial Estate, set in landscaped gardens, provides nearly 300,000 sq ft of distribution and processing space.

The availability of Crewe Hall is the result of the relocation of the production plant of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd to Dartford in northwest Kent, last year. John Bowler, the Crewe site director for Wellcome, commented: "With the transfer to Dartford, and staff moving to join the consumer healthcare joint-venture company formed with Warner-Lambert, the Crewe site is no longer appropriate to house the UK sales and marketing operation. We are sorry to be leaving an environment which has served us well for almost 26 years."


Crewe Hall in Cheshire, a former regional headquarters of the Wellcome Foundation, and the magnificent galleried hall with its handsome mantelpiece

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The hall and estate are owned by the Duchy of Lancaster, and the agents, Donaldsons, are offering the 48-acre site as a whole by assignment. The lease expires in 2069. This is the first phase of the marketing strategy, and the agents are giving a guide price of more than £1 million.

It is proposed in phase two to break the estate down into its component parts: offices and industrial. The agents are seeking between £7.50 and £10 a sq ft exclusive for the offices in the hall and quadrangle block, and £3.50 a sq ft for the industrial space on the Ranulphe estate.

Patrick Waters, associate partner of Donaldsons, says that Crewe Hall makes an ideal headquarters. "It combines modern, efficient business space in a highly accessible location with the grandeur of a quality period building in an attractive parkland setting."

Simon Williams, a Donaldsons' partner, added that the estate's main selling point was the environment. "It is rare to find accommodation of this quality in such a setting," he says. "There is very little good space available in south Cheshire at present. So we believe that our timing is right, too."

He reported considerable interest — both from Britain and overseas — and not just for use as a headquarters office. It has potential for other uses and has attracted interest from educational institutions and quasi-government bodies.

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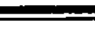

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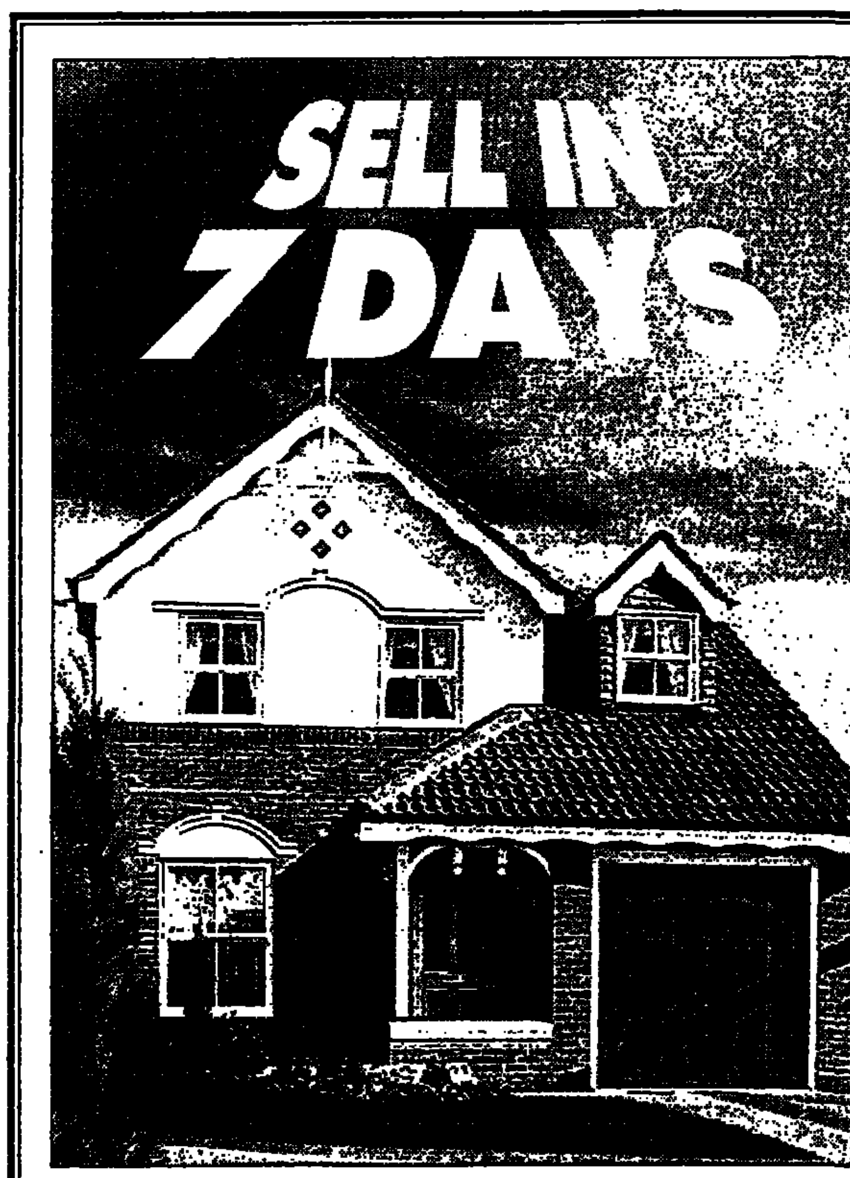

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Royalty is said to be using buying agents to house-hunt. **Rachel Kelly** picks some prime possibilities

Celebrity househunters are increasingly turning to property buying agents who will search on their behalf for a new home.

Baroness Thatcher, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York are all the kind of people who do not want to be seen homehunting for fear of putting up prices and attracting unwelcome publicity.

So they tend to hire property firms who represent buyers, unlike estate agents who represent sellers. Both buying agents and estate agents are being bound to confidentiality agreements on any sale details.

Property Vision, a London-based buying agent with an exclusive client list believed to include royalty, has seen its business turnover rise by 50 per cent last year. Other buying agents, including Wilson & Wilson, have seen a similar increase in their business from celebrities.

James Ellingworth, from Property Vision, refused to comment on the identity of his clients, but said that his firm was representing an increasing number of celebrities and had bought £45 million of property in 1994 compared with £30 million in 1993. "The climate has changed in the 1990s," Mr Ellingworth says. "Greed isn't appropriate and celebrity buyers do not want people to know how much they have paid for their homes when there is concern about homelessness and the level of repossessions."

Typically, buying agents will produce floor plans, photos and descriptions of appropriate properties and negotiate on the buyer's behalf. Some estate agents also have special buying departments.

The emphasis on secrecy is not surprising: wherever celebrities choose to live there is always trouble. They bring instant recognition to unheard-of hamlets and also attracts swarms of journalists to disrupt local life.

FOR THE PRINCESS OF WALES...

FOR the Princess of Wales, 8 Addison Crescent, *Holland Park, London W14 (above) might suit: six* bedrooms, four bathrooms and a staff suite (offers around £3,250,000). Alternatively, she would be on home ground in Eldon Lodge, Kensington (above), a *Grade II listed Victorian house with five bedrooms and staff accommodation.* Asking price: £2,250,000. Both with Knight Frank & Rutley (0171-937 8203)

THE Princess would feel at home at 1 Cadogan Lane, near *Sloane* Street and Knightsbridge, with Hyde Park, Mayfair and the West End a short ride away. Newly built in the *neo-classical style, it boats* far-reaching views, good entertaining rooms, four bedroom suites, a *swimming* pool, roof terrace and a secluded garden at the rear. On sale with Wilson's (0171-245 0093) for £3 *million.*

FOR THE DUCHESS OF YORK...

SHOULD the Duchess of York need a pied-à-terre reasonably close to Harrods, Flat 2, 14/15 Ennismore Gardens is anything but vulgar. There are three bedrooms, the master bedroom having six sets of French windows leading to a balcony. The major rooms interconnect, offering perfect grand-scale entertaining, and there are maid's quarters. On offer with Strutt & Parker (0171-823 2899) for £1.3 million.

The Duchess might prefer to indulge her taste for the modern. If so, Upton House, Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, might suit. Newly built, it offers five reception rooms, six bedrooms and an indoor swimming pool complex including whirlpool, plunge pool, sauna and gym. There is a good selection of schools near by, and the house is well-placed for Henley and Ascot. For sale with Savills (0171-499 8644) at £2,850,000.

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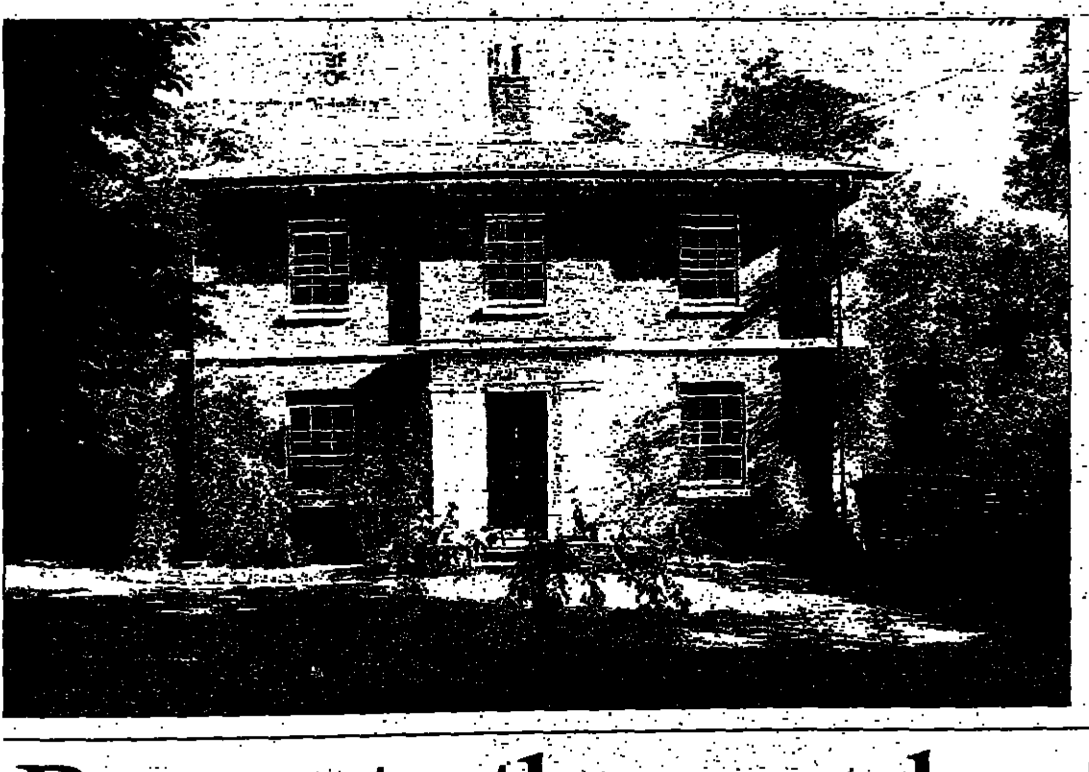

BARONESS Thatcher is believed to be looking for a house in the country. Little Mongeham House at Little Mongeham in Kent (left) might suit her. A Grade II listed Georgian house, thought to be a former rectory, the house comprises four reception rooms, extensive cellars, six bedrooms and two bathrooms. Included in the guide price of £485,000 is a detached three-bedroom cottage and equestrian facilities. Inquiries to Strutt & Parker (01227 551123)

Should she wish to venture further afield, Hammoon House (right), near Sturminster Newton, Dorset, would provide her *inter alia* with seven bedrooms and a sewing room. The house comes with swimming pool, orchard, paddock and a garage block with a billiard room for Denis. Offers in the region of £425,000 to Savills (01202 887331).

Power to the people of the inner city

Urban residents are at last getting a voice in plans to regenerate their areas. **Mary Wilson** looks at 'bottom-up' schemes

Since the 1980s, urban regeneration has largely been the preserve of builders and developers. Flush with government grants, they have recycled derelict land and repopulated derelict industrial sites with new houses.

But the emphasis in the 1990s has been less on the physical appearance of our inner cities and more on those who live there. How can they benefit?

The answer, says Lord Jenkin of Roding, President of the British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA), is for residents to be involved. "There is already a great deal of evidence to suggest that regeneration projects which start from the bottom up are more likely to succeed than substantial top-down projects," he says.

In Camberwell, southeast London, a group of residents who have rented property on short-life tenancies for the past ten years have set up their own group, Grove Housing, to try to have some control over the regeneration of their premises.

Short-life tenancies are used by councils to let property which is habitable, but not in good enough condition for longer tenancies. The tenants are given six-month licences which are renewed automatically, but they have no rights.

Chris Oddy, an art director, lives with his wife and child on the west side of Camberwell Grove and is one of the 15 people presently involved in Grove Housing. "At one time, the council said it had no intention of selling, but it is *thinking of it again.* We set up the group in 1992 in an attempt to preempt that. We are prepared to undertake the management of the buildings, once they have been rehabilitated, and we have a housing association, Hexagon, which is prepared to put in a bid for them. We are very keen not to let all the properties go into private ownership, although it is possible that ownership could be split."

WHEN the existing housing association looked into the rehabilitation costs, it worked out at £119,000 a unit — a total of £7.3 million. Grove Housing has estimated the figure will be far less than that and has *presented* to the council a plan for both private and rented accommodation.

The east side of the *street* needs most work. Two properties are empty and extensively vandalised. Only one rent-payer exists on that side, where there are people squatting. On both sides of the street, the exterior walls are sturdy. On the west side, where Mr Oddy has a maisonette, the basements need excavating and drying out, and other modernising work, and damp needs attention.

"*In many of the properties, the* flats are far too big for single units and need to be split up *to provide* a suitable mix," Mr Oddy says. "We hope that a *decision will be made* before Christmas."

Eighteen per cent *of any housing* association grant now has to go towards rehabilitation work, and Grove Housing is hopeful that it will get what it wants. "Many of us have lived here for some time and formed a community," Mr Oddy says.

"We have cleared out the communal back gardens and in May we even opened them to the public for a day. We would like to be able to continue to live here, and for that we are prepared to put in a lot of work in the way of management and maintenance."

GOVERNMENT *grants for regeneration* have been available *through various Urban* Development Corporations. Paul Mugnaioni, of *Quality* Street, a specialist private rental company, thinks it is money well spent.

"I feel urban regeneration is coming back," he says, "especially since the cost of greenfield land is rising significantly, making brownfield [urban] land better value for money."

With the help of grants, Quality Street has been instrumental in repopulating an industrial site in Birmingham in partnership with the Nationwide Housing Trust and Birmingham City Council, with *houses partly for sale, partly for* rent. In Glasgow, the company has just finished refurbishing an inner-city rundown warehouse.

"Bottom-up is flavour of the month," says Gerald Cary-Elwes, of BURA. "Over the past 10 to 15 years, a lot of money has been ploughed in by the Government to improve the environment. Now there has been a change of emphasis towards involving the local community fully in regeneration."

One successful scheme, for example, has been the Meadowell Estate in Newcastle, for many years a no-go area. The community centre was often covered in graffiti and regularly burnt down. Now the local people have had a hand in building and designing a new one, and there *is not one blemish on it.*

MARTIN BEDDALL

Chris Oddy (second from left) *and Grove Housing members outside their homes in Camberwell*

The price of a country pile

A new survey shows country-house prices on a regional basis

A SURVEY on prices of large *country houses last year shows* that Norfolk came off worst for *investment and Berkshire came* off best.

The survey, by the estate agents Strutt & Parker, shows that in Norwich the price of a nine-bedroom listed house with 17.4 acres fell by £650,000 to just under £600,000. In 1991, such a house would have cost £700,000. The agents said that barn conversions and houses which had been badly modernised in the 1970s and 1980s proved especially difficult to sell.

In Berkshire, a nine-bedroom house rose *in price* from £900,000 to £1.1 million. James *Laing, joint head of Strutt &* Parker says: "Strong demand for quality houses meant *that* frequently several prospective buyers competed for the same house, leading to some surprising price levels." Such rises were reflected in the price of expensive London property.

The survey is the only one of its kind to look at expensive country property on a regional basis. Both the Halifax and the Nationwide produce house-price surveys, but their average price of property is *around* £65,000.

Yorkshire proved disappointing *for expensive country* property, with no change in the £600,000 *price of nine-bedroom* houses for the third year in succession. A spokesman from *Strutt & Parker's Harrogate* office said: "The market has *performed erratically." Period* five-bedroom vicarages *remained in demand, but barns* and "overdone" farmhouses had *proved difficult to sell.*

Prices rose, however, for expensive country property around St Albans, Chelmsford, Lewes, Canterbury, Ipswich, Salisbury, Moreton-in-Marsh, Market Harborough, Exeter, Chester, Edinburgh and Banchory. Chester in particular was boosted by the number of executives relocated to the North West.

Mr Laing said: "We feel that building societies have generally *taken a more pessimistic* view, because, unless they have an *estate agency, they have to rely* for their information on people *taking out new mortgages. They* do not take into account the many genuine cash buyers. It is these cash buyers who have helped to produce increase in so many areas of the UK."

Prices also rose because of an imbalance between supply and demand, Mr Laing said. "The real problem with the market was people's reluctance to sell, and the consequent shortage of available properties, because of negative equity and a loss of confidence in mid-summer."

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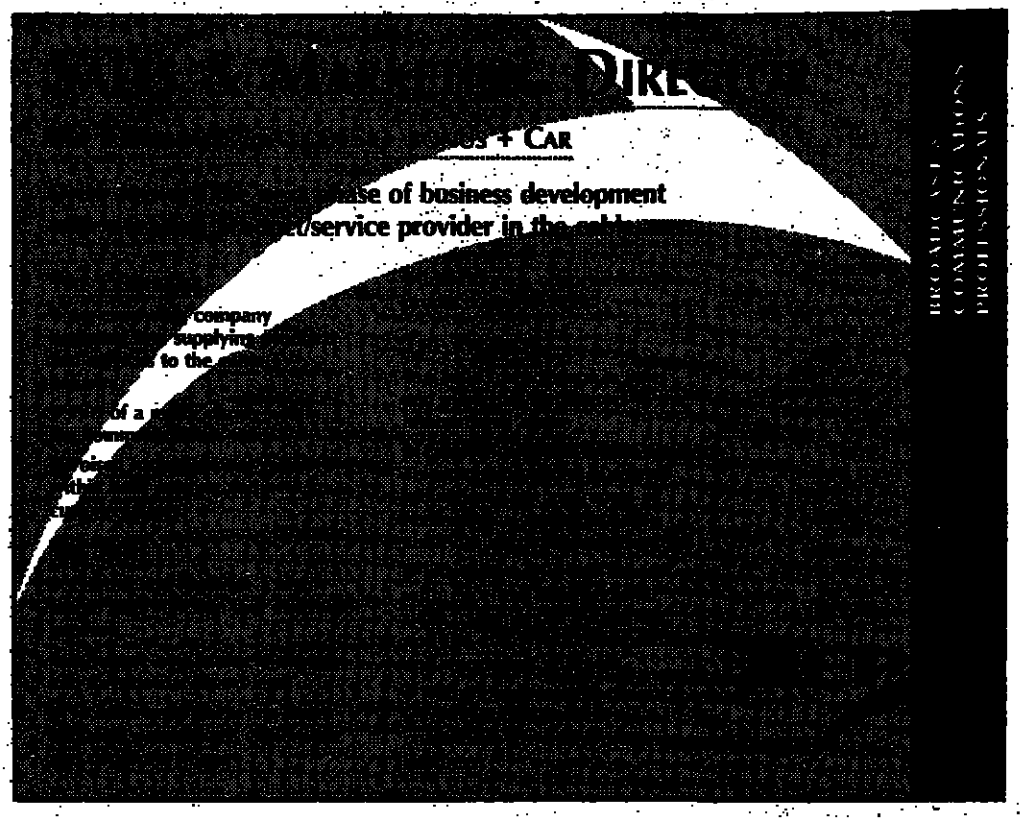
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In this Special Relationship, the Americans are decidedly the poor cousins. And likely to grow poorer.

Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker, has vowed to "zero out" federal money for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which subsidises American non-commercial television and radio.

Senator Larry Pressler, who heads the Senate Commerce Committee, which must decide whether to extend CPB until the end of the century, is no fan either. "Clinton has sent word over he wants to find areas to privatise," the South Dakota Republican said last month. "Here's an area where you can do it very easily."

To the British viewer, required to pay a hefty licence fee towards the BBC's annual £1.7 billion, the American taxpayer gets off pretty lightly. The annual federal appropriation for public broadcasting is only $287 million — 14 per cent of the total cost. The rest comes from donations, corporate gifts and deals with commercial interests.

Public broadcasting is far weaker in the US than in Britain. Begun in 1953, acquiring federal support in 1967, its services today are provided through a network of local television and radio stations, many of them quite small.

Its television audiences, moreover, are at best 5 or 6 per cent of national viewing. While the British public is often told how much Americans love British programmes, it is not told that these imports appear mainly on public television.

Fragmented American public broadcasting has to struggle for the excellence shown in its series on the American Civil War and the nightly *MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour*. All too much of its output consists of dreary discussions.

Its mounting critics are attacking on three fronts. They feel that public television should earn more from the private sector, even though it is already full of merchandising spin-offs, sponsor acknowledgements and nagging appeals to pledge money.

Then there is the argument from the media explosion. To quote Robert J. Samuelson in *Newsweek*: "When 98 per cent of households have TVs, and 81 per cent have VCRs, government doesn't need to subsidise 'public TV'."

This feeds into the larger political debate, which has transatlantic resonance. Why should the public purse subsidise culture at all? Gingrich's description of public television as a "sandbox for the rich" is not very different from the BBC's attempt to appease conservative critics by confessing its sin of "superserving the ABC1s".

As in Britain, many conservatives in the United States believe the whole public broadcasting enterprise to be full of lefties. National Public Radio is a particular target. However, whatever liberal opinions emerge from NPR are more than counterbalanced by the rabid right-wing shock-talk radio shows.

The Congressional drive to cut the federal subsidy will have to overcome the obvious evidence that the American marketplace does not deliver a diverse schedule of science, news analysis, music and documentaries. True, these programmes are now available on cable channels, but 40 per cent of Americans do not have cable.

Children's television could be the salvation of American public television. These programmes, notably *Sesame Street*, are the only source of serious daytime television uninterrupted by commercials. Across the United States, seats on the boards of public broadcasting stations are held by Republicans who are pillars of the community and wish to remain so. They know, if Gingrich doesn't, that zeroing out the federal subsidy would put many of their stations off the air.

ONE benefit of a co-production such as *The Buccaneers* is that the American parts are played by Americans, not by British actors serving up a bastard mix of Oklahoma, Brooklyn and Boston accents. (The Royal National Theatre's current production of Lillian Hellman's *Children's Hour* is a particular horror for American-tuned ears.)

In the Merchant-Ivory film of Wharton's *Age of Innocence*, Daniel Day-Lewis produced the most accurate American accent I have ever heard from an English actor. He sounded like a rich, expensively educated WASP New Yorker: a reminder of what Wharton is all about — that the British have no prerogative on the social divisions of class, background and money.

Articles on aspects of broadcasting last week have provoked two more views of the changing face of the BBC

No radio identity crisis

Liz Forgan, BBC Radio managing director, answers the critics

LAURENCE VAN DER STOCKT

Chechenia: *From Our Own Correspondent* has made "excellent" programmes on it

Radio is headline news again. Somehow, the career moves of Steve Wright and Gerry Anderson have been combined with other unconnected events in reams of media commentary, some of it bizarre. Even Brenda Maddox in *The Times* last week talked of — to my amazement — "BBC Radio management's vain and foolish attempt to blur the identities of its national networks".

The reason for such media interest at present is that after an extraordinarily stable history, radio is now the area of greatest change in broadcasting. Where once the BBC held the monopoly, it faces 150 competitors. Now, more than at any other time in their history it is essential that the identities of the BBC networks are absolutely clear. Clarity, not blurring, will guarantee their survival in this burgeoning and volatile marketplace.

That is why I stopped Radio 2 from bending over backwards to attract the older Radio 1 audience, and why I rejected the proposition for a news station on Radio 4's long-wave frequency. Both would have blurred long-established identities. Instead, Radio 2 was allowed to concentrate on its natural 50-plus audience and is now, in the safe hands of Frances Line, a network in its prime. Radio 5 Live, by going back to the drawing board, achieved one of the most successful media launches of recent years and formed its distinctive identity (quite different from Radio 4's) in an astonishingly short time.

Anderson Country, which represented only a tiny part of the schedule, somehow came to symbolise a fear that Radio 4 was about to be vandalised. Nothing could be further from the truth. Radio 4 is a shining example in world broadcasting and will remain so.

Today, Woman's Hour, Kaleidoscope, From Our Own Correspondent, Letter from America — day in, day out excellent and unequalled programming — is taken for granted. Constancy, not change is the key to the network's success. That is the way listeners like it and so do I. But Radio 4, to ensure a future as golden as its past, must also reach out to the next generation lured by greater listening choices than we could have imagined a few years ago. Radio 4 must actively welcome them while staying true to its existing audiences.

Anderson Country set out to build on the traditional R4 strengths of good feature-making and intelligent speech, but with a more discursive and informal tone. It had teething problems, the format has improved and developed well over time, the audience has remained solid throughout. At the end of a year, a reasonable period in which to decide, it was clear it wasn't the right format for Gerry but will develop better in the hands of other presenters.

Maddox's ultimate message is a curious mixture of defeat and complacency. Let young listeners drift away, do nothing to keep them and one day they will somehow grow up and find the BBC. Once upon a time, maybe, but in this increasingly competitive market nobody with the responsibility for the future of BBC Radio in all its richness could be so sanguine.

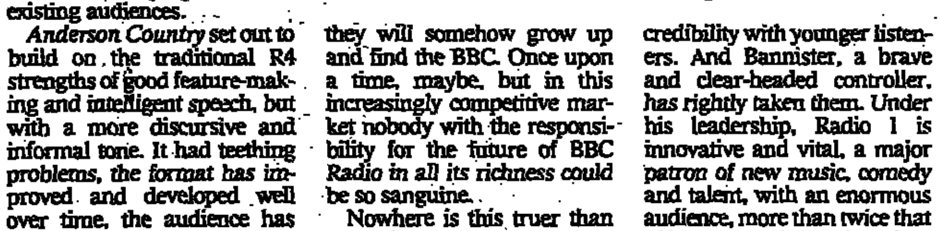
Nowhere is this truer than at Radio 1. Before Matthew Bannister's arrival, its edges were beginning to blur. Gone were the days when it blasted the pop stations off the air. It was inevitably losing listeners to the competition and the audience had been steadily ageing. Steps had to be taken to ensure that Radio 1 was offering something distinctive and unique and regaining credibility with younger listeners. And Bannister, a brave and clear-headed controller, has rightly taken them. Under his leadership, Radio 1 is innovative and vital, a major patron of new music, comedy and talent, with an enormous audience, more than twice that of its nearest rival. It is a giant in the rock and pop broadcasting world. But it won't stay that way by going to sleep.

The notion that there could be some sort of struggle between those who make and broadcast radio and those who listen is utter nonsense. Everything we do is aimed at satisfying our listeners to the best of our skill and ability.

But that is a rather more complicated matter than simply counting letters to *The Times* or calls to *Feedback*. Radio's audiences are not some undifferentiated mass of people with identical tastes and opinions. On every single issue — including the merits of *Anderson Country* — there are listeners who hold diametrically opposite views. And I do not believe that anyone, listener or critic, wants a BBC that simply counts heads and replaces editorial courage or judgment with a slavish following of the majority will.

Programme makers and network controllers are creative people with a complex set of demands. Respecting and understanding the wishes of all their listeners is high among them. But duty to listeners goes further. It demands the exercise of creative talent, the vision to see beyond the familiar and the courage to try — and sometimes to fail.

I believe our listeners understand that perfectly well, and we all share Brenda Maddox's concern for the future of BBC Radio in which all five networks survive — "intelligent, articulate, the BBC at its best".



BBC headliners: *Today's* James Naughtie, left, *Woman's Hour's* Jenni Murray, Gerry Anderson of the late and eponymous *Country*, and Radio 1's departing Steve Wright

Why the BBC should be privatised

No enterprise can limit its activities in a free market, says Gerald Kaufman

My heart was touched to read of the depth of David Glencross's concern that the BBC should retain its right to funding through the licence fee (Media, last week). After all, who could possibly care more than the BBC that its access to licence revenue should stay inviolate?

Answer: the ITV companies whom Mr Glencross, as chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, very properly cherishes. The ITV companies are terrified that a licence-bereft BBC might start to accept advertising, which may cause serious injury to those very same ITV companies, whose advertising income would be severely — possibly fatally — depleted.

However, Mr Glencross's altruistic formula for the BBC (franchising out its commercial activities and ring-fencing its licence-funded activities) is in reality a suspended death sentence for the BBC. For such a panacea is based on the assumption that BBC commercial activity will produce only 15 per cent of the BBC's total income; and such a limitation — even though it is, as Mr Glencross points out, accepted by the BBC — would artificially stunt the BBC's commercial growth.

No enterprise can survive if it artificially limits its activities in a free market; and, let us be clear, in the burgeoning world of digital compression, on-demand programming and inter-active services, expanding within the free market is the only viable future for the BBC. If it cannot compete with the biggest fish in the information superhighway sea, the BBC will dwindle into a British equivalent of America's Corporation for Public Broadcasting, funded partly by a grudging Exchequer and partly by pathetically solicited donations from a niche audience.

The BBC, although it would require torture to make its bosses admit it, has already understood these facts of life. That is why, as Mr Glencross points out, its bosses have decided to launch — in partnership with the dedicatedly commercial Pearson media conglomerate — two commercial satellite channels for the European mainland, funded by advertising and subscription. That is why they are planning to launch comparable services for the United States, transmitted by satellite and delivered by subscription-funded cable. Further global commercial enterprises will undoubtedly follow.

What is more, the BBC is surely bound to add to its commercially based satellite-delivered programming in this country, where (with Pearson again) it is already a partner in the UK Gold satellite channel. It cannot be too long before the BBC considers launching its own 24-hour news channel — delivered by satellite or cable or both — for the UK, to compete with Sky News, just as its overseas satellite news channels are intended to rival CNN.

A BBC which enters this kind of commercially competitive market cannot possibly decide to limit its revenue from such activities to 15 per cent of its total income. That revenue will be decided by the response of the market. Nor will these new channels be the sum total of the BBC's commercial role.

The BBC will expand or innovate in other ways: increased feature-film production; hiring out its huge library of programme material throughout the world; adding to its two domestic terrestrial television channels by exploiting digital compression; providing on-demand and inter-active services provided it can find a partner — which could be BT, if the Government repealed its absurd ban on BT as a broadcaster — to deliver such services to the home.

But what about the BBC licence? How can that be protected? The answer is that it cannot. As commercial revenues account for an increasingly bigger proportion of the BBC's income, the justification for part-funding the BBC by a flat-rate poll tax will diminish and eventually disappear. Furthermore, as fewer and fewer viewers watch the BBC — and the BBC concedes, over-optimistically in my view, that its audience will have shrunk to 30 per cent of the total by the end of the decade — they will revolt against paying that tax.

The licence is on its way out, and so is the BBC as we have known it for more than 70 years. That does not mean that the concept of public-service broadcasting — for which, as Mr Glencross rightly asserts, we owe so much to the BBC — must die. Indeed, only a commercially buoyant and independent BBC will have the strength to protect public-service broadcasting.

Independent? Yes. A strong BBC must mean a market-oriented BBC. A market-oriented BBC is probably going to mean a privatised BBC. Maybe that is why Mr Glencross, ITV's custodian, is so desperate to keep things as they are — but as they cannot possibly remain.

David Glencross's article, January 18

The late middle-age show

THE APPEAL of ITV's *Coronation Street* knows no age barriers. The soap features high in both of our television ratings charts this week, which compare the top ten programmes among viewers aged 55 and over with those of 16 to 54-year-olds. *Alexandra Frean writes.*

BBC1's soap *EastEnders*, on the other hand, is a hit with the 16s to 54s, but does not make it into the top ten of the over-55s, while ITV's rural soap *Emmerdale* is a hit predominantly among the older group.

Audience age profiles are of equal interest to writers and producers as they are to advertisers, as they provide vital clues to age groups' attitudes. What is it, for example, about *Last of the Summer Wine*, the BBC's long-running and quaint rural situation comedy about three retired school chums (now in its 22nd year), which makes it appeal so much more to the over-55s than a BBC sitcom about another old codger, *One Foot in the Grave*? Is it that the grumpy character of Victor Meldrew in *One Foot in the Grave* is too realistic for comfort?

Although BBC1's *National Lottery Live* programme does not appear in the top ten of the over 55s, its appeal is, in fact, spread pretty evenly across both age groups. On January 7 it was watched by more than 27 per cent of Britain's estimated 29 million 16-to-54s and nearly 28 per cent of the 14.4 million over-55s.

TIMES TV TOP TENS: ADULTS OVER 55 VS UNDER 55

January 2 to 8, 1995

Programme	Date	Time	Chan	Producer	Genre	Audience (Millions) All 4+	16-54s	55+
Adults 55+								
1 Coronation Street	Fri 6	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	18.9	9.4	7.1
2 The Glass Virgin	Fri 6	21.01	ITV	Festival Films & World	Drama series	13.1	6.6	6.2
3 Antiques Roadshow	Sun 8	17.30	BBC1	BBC Bristol	Lifestyle	12.9	5.8	6.1
4 Emmerdale	Thu 5	19.01	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Soap	11.7	4.8	5.9
5 A Touch Of Frost	Sun 8	20.30	ITV	Yorkshire/Excelsior	Drama series	14.7	8.0	5.9
6 Last of the Summer Wine	Sun 8	19.06	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	10.8	4.0	5.9
7 Mind to Murder	Mon 2	20.31	ITV	Anglia Television	Play	13.4	6.9	5.8
8 Kavanagh QC	Tue 3	20.00	ITV	Central/Carlton UK	Drama series	13.1	6.6	5.7
9 The Bill	Fri 6	20.02	ITV	Thames Television	Drama serial	14.2	7.0	5.6
10 News And Weather	Sun 8	18.15	BBC1	BBC News & C A	News	10.5	4.3	5.6
Adults 16-54								
1 EastEnders	Tue 3	19.30	BBC1	BBC	Soap	18.6	9.9	4.6
2 Coronation Street	Wed 4	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	18.8	9.8	6.5
3 The National Lottery Live	Sat 7	19.50	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	14.4	8.2	4.0
4 Police Stop!	Mon 2	20.01	ITV	Optomen Television	Documentary	14.3	8.0	4.7
5 A Touch Of Frost	Sun 8	20.30	ITV	Yorkshire/Excelsior	Drama series	14.7	8.0	5.9
6 International Gladiators	Sat 7	18.12	ITV	LWT	Game show	13.8	7.7	3.1
7 One Foot in the Grave	Sun 8	21.11	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	11.7	7.0	3.7
8 The Bill	Fri 6	20.02	ITV	Thames Television	Drama serial	14.2	7.0	5.6
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In the continuing 'cola wars', Pepsi is striving hard to match its better-known rival

Now Pepsi's place is in your face, kid

A "global roadblock" of advertising begins next weekend as Pepsi goes global in the cola wars for the first time. A raft of 17 new commercials, including two featuring Cindy Crawford, the brand's new celebrity, will reach 300 million consumers in 30 countries as Pepsi tries to repeat its success in America — where Coke once outsold Pepsi three to one but is now neck and neck.

There, the famous Pepsi "taste challenge", together with "advertising that blasts through the clutter to grab consumers and hold on to them", really convinced America to join the Pepsi generation, says Larry McIntosh, Pepsi's advertising supremo. Now, he hopes, the rest of us will follow.

He has got a long way to go. In Europe Coke still outsells Pepsi three to one, and in 1993 (latest figures) only 5.6 per cent of Pepsi's profits came from international drink sales, compared with 78.7 per cent of Coca Cola's. While everyone has heard of Pepsi and knows what it is, there is still an obstacle, admits John Swanhaus, Pepsi's international vice-president for marketing: nobody needs it. Water is better for people, fruit juice is more nutritious, whisky packs a bigger punch. So the only way to sell colas is to offer convenient, good value, quality products — "genuine innovation" — "and surround it all with in-your-face excitement".

One example of innovation is Pepsi Max, a diet cola sold as a tough young guy's drink and "the single most important new product in Pepsi's history", according to Wayne Mailloux, president of Pepsi-Cola International's Europe Division. Its secret ingredient? In-your-face advertising (of course), plus an artificial sweetener called acesulfame-K (manufactured by Hoechst AG, the German chemical company) that avoids the tell-tale "diet" taste of diet colas. Pepsi Max could soon be the third-biggest cola brand in the world, says Mr Swanhaus. More "breakthrough products" including Atlantis (a mineral water), Miranda (an orange drink), and LiptonIce (an iced tea sold through a joint venture with Unilever) are on their way, he promises.

But what about Pepsi's new, global in-your-face advertising? It includes a commercial showing the all-American Cindy Crawford sacrilegiously staining her beauty by wearing braces on her teeth, young men jumping off sheer cliffs and "living life to the Max", and a few ads which might just run foul of comparative advertising laws by suggesting that a depicted can of Coca Cola is the older generation's drink.

Tough stuff: Pepsi's "Life to the Max" ad

There is also a gaggle of teenagers frolicking in a waterfall and a voice-over going on about being "nothing but real". This new slogan for 7Up will, the company hopes, gain 7Up the global "megabrand" status it deserves. It provides the link between 7Up's "key product attributes (clear, not artificial, natural and refreshing) and important teen motivations (to be myself, to be with my friends and to do my own thing)", gushes the blurb. "Teens don't want to be clones. They aren't sold on glitz. They want what's real and genuine," it continues.

Yet behind all this glitzed genuineness, there's hard commercial calculation. Pepsi's expansion plans are threatened by new competitors like Sainsbury's Classic and Virgin Cola, which are cutting the ground from under its feet. In countries like the UK, Pepsi has had to cut its prices to keep sales up, admits Mr Mailloux. But on the plus side, every 1 per cent of market share Pepsi gains in Europe translates into $200 million worth of sales, he points out. To gain extra revenues like this, over the past five years Pepsi has spent $2 billion developing its international bottling and distribution network.

So what about all that hype? "We always position it as cola wars, because as a matter of fact, 'the cola wars' are good for the soft drinks business," admits Mr Swanhaus. "It's really a strategy that gets attention. Consumers are interested in it and both brands are able to grow."

ALAN MITCHELL

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NEWS

Lawyers told to cut the waffle

■ Long-winded lawyers must curb their verbosity and meet tight timetables or pay the cost of delays under an initiative launched by the Lord Chief Justice to shorten civil cases.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth outlined a package of measures signalling the end of the current system in which the pace of civil justice is dictated by lawyers while indulgent judges take a back seat .... **Page 1**

Murder law for soldiers to be reviewed

■ *Michael Howard said that he was reviewing the law on* murder as pressure continued for the early release of Private Lee Clegg, the paratrooper jailed for life for killing a joyrider in Belfast. He will study the scope for changing the law to enable soldiers and police officers to be charged with manslaughter where they are suspected of using excessive force .... **Page 1**

O.J. trial opens

Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson murder trial argued that Simpson killed his ex-wife as the "ultimate act of control" after a 17-year relationship poisoned from the start by a horrific cycle of abuse, humiliation and apology .. **Page 1**

Sunday drinking

John Major opened the door to all-day Sunday drinking and an end to most restrictions on when off-licences and supermarkets can sell alcohol .... **Page 1**

Pay rise 'tactless'

Cedric Brown admitted that British Gas was tactless and insensitive in awarding him a £475,000 salary while planning to cut 25,000 jobs .... **Page 2**

Gardener accused

Ben Lyon, 73, an old soldier who shot an intruder while standing sentry over his allotment after numerous vandal attacks and thefts went on trial for attempted murder .... **Page 3**

Adventure controls

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Extinction threat

An plan to save 600 key British species including bats, mosses and birds, was launched by conservationists .... **Page 5**

Windsor renovated

The Queen has opted for a traditionalist approach to the redesign of the interiors at Windsor Castle after the disastrous fire of November 1992 .... **Page 6**

Holiday jet danger

The pilot of an Airbus with 185 holidaymakers on board discovered he could not turn left because British Airways engineers had forgotten to reconnect control surfaces on one wing after maintenance .... **Page 7**

Clause Four ballot

Labour party members may be balloted over changes to Clause Four to prevent party activists blocking Tony Blair's bid to modernise .... **Page 8**

Private Kremlin army

Major General Aleksandr Korzhakov, President Yeltsin's security chief, has been laying the foundations for a private army which would carry out the Kremlin's orders .... **Page 9**

Israeli fence plan

Senior Israeli officials announced controversial plans for a "separation fence" to divide Jews from Arabs in the West Bank . **Page 10**

Kobe suicide

The city official responsible for restoring water supplies to the earthquake-devastated city of Kobe has apparently committed suicide by jumping out of a fourth-storey window ..... **Page 11**

Myra Hindley to be hypnotised

■ Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer, is to be hypnotised in an attempt to find the body of one of her victims, who disappeared 31 years ago. The Home Office announced the decision after an hour-long meeting between Michael Forsyth, the Prisons Minister, and Winnie Johnson, the mother of Keith Bennett, who was 12 when he disappeared .... **Page 1**

HARALD SCHNEIDER

Nonja, a nine-year-old orang-utan in the Schoebrunn Zoo, Vienna, with one of her paintings which are being sold in aid of zoo funds

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ALAN COREN

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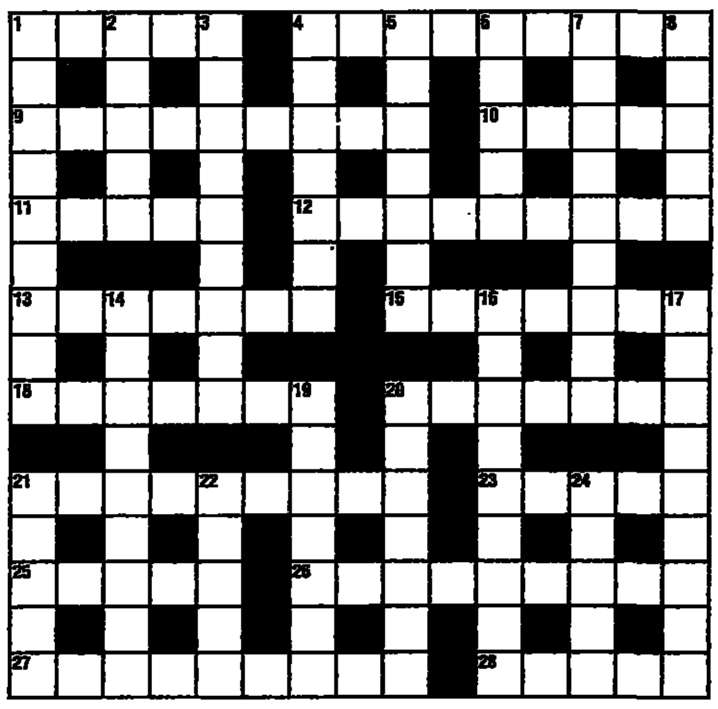

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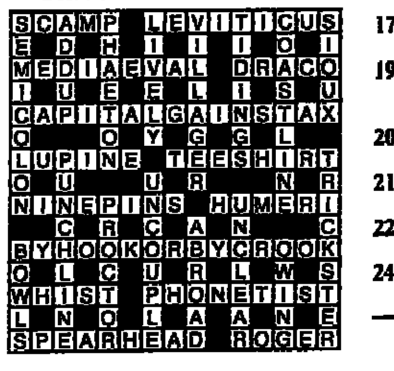

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

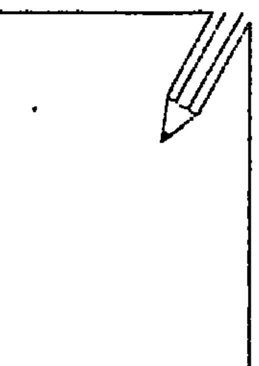
Monday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lough Fea, Northern Ireland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.75in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 7.3hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.50 am	4.37 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
11.28 am	2.07 am

New Moon January 30

London 4.37 pm to 7.48 am
Bristol 4.47 pm to 7.58 am
Edinburgh 4.30 pm to 8.19 am
Manchester 4.37 pm to 8.04 am
Penzance 5.03 pm to 8.05 am



☐ **General:** low pressure and associated weather fronts will cover southern Britain. Northern England and Wales will start bright and frosty but cloud will thicken bringing rain with snow on hills in the late afternoon and evening. Over the southern half, the day will start damp and cloudy and further rain is expected. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start mostly dry, bright and frosty and apart from wintry showers in the north will stay dry. Cold everywhere.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales:** cloudy with rain at times. Wind mainly E light or moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** cloudy with rain at times. Wind SW fresh. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, IoM, Central N, NE England, N Ireland:** dry start, thickening cloud. Rain with snow on hills spreading N later. Wind E mainly light. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** mostly bright and dry becoming cloudy later. Wind E light becoming moderate. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny spells with rain, sleet or snow showers. Wind NW light or moderate but fresh around Shetland. Max 3C (37F)

☐ **Outlook:** further rain at times in all areas.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.3	0.17	5	41	sl	Leeds	2.0	0.13	7	45	h
Anglesey	0.6	-	8	46	c	Leuchars	4.1	0.01	7	45	s
Aspatria	-	0.10	5	41	r	Littlehmptn	5.0	0.04	9	48	b
Aviemore	-	0.72	4	39	sl	Liverpool	-	0.33	7	45	h
Belfast	0.3	0.08	5	41	h	London	4.6	0.05	9	48	b
Birmingham	5.9	0.02	8	46	s	Minehead	2.2	0.27	10	50	r
Bognor R	5.5	0.06	9	48	b	Morecambe	0.1	0.07	6	43	r
Bournem'th	3.0	0.09	10	50	b	Newcastle	5.4	-	7	45	s
Bristol	3.7	0.32	9	48	sh	Newquay	2.4	0.18	10	50	h
Cardiff	2.3	0.28	9	48	h	Nottingham	4.0	0.07	7	45	s
Clacton	6.4	0.09	7	45	s	Oxford	6.7	-	9	48	s
Colwyn Bay	1.8	0.03	8	46	sh	Penzance	3.4	0.28	11	52	r
Cromer	3.5	0.15	8	46	b	Plymouth	4.0	0.28	9	48	h
Doncaster	2.3	0.12	8	46	sh	Poole	2.2	0.11	10	50	sh
Eastbourne	5.4	0.13	10	50	b	Prestatyn	X	0.04	8	46	sh
Edinburgh	4.2	0.12	7	45	c	Ross-o-wye	6.5	0.02	9	48	s
Eskdalemuir	0.9	0.31	4	39	sl	Sandown	4.3	0.14	9	48	b
Exmouth	2.7	0.17	9	48	h	Saunton Snd	2.1	-	10	50	b
Fishguard	3.4	0.02	7	45	b	Scilly Isles	4.5	0.30	10	50	h
Folkestone	7.3	0.08	9	48	s	Shrewsbury	2.9	0.01	8	46	sh
Glasgow	2.4	0.39	7	45	sh	Skegness	3.2	0.04	8	46	s
Guernsey	4.5	0.10	11	52	h	Southend	5.1	0.02	8	46	b
Hastings	6.2	0.07	9	48	s	Swanage	3.0	0.17	9	48	sh
Hayling I	5.1	0.05	9	48	b	Teignmouth	4.0	0.15	10	50	sh
Herne Bay	6.1	0.02	9	48	s	Tenby	4.3	0.11	9	48	b
Hove	2.9	-	9	48	b	Tiree	2.1	0.41	7	45	h
Hunstanton	3.8	0.09	7	45	b	Torquay	3.8	0.22	11	52	b
Isle of Man	-	0.02	7	45	sh	Tynemouth	5.5	-	5	41	s
Jersey	3.9	0.21	10	50	h	Weymouth	2.7	0.17	10	50	h
Kinloss	-	0.33	5	41	r						

These are Monday's figures

ABROAD

Ajaccio	13	55	s	C'phagn	3	37	c	Madrid	14	57	c	Riyadh	18	64	s
Akrotiri	15	59	c	Corfu	14	57	c	Majorca	19	66	s	Rome	16	61	s
Alex'dria	17	63	c	Dublin	4	39	f	Malaga	20	68	s	Salzburg	6	43	c
Algiers	18	64	s	Dubrovnik	11	52	f	Malta	17	63	s	S Frisco	13	55	f
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Faro	18	64	f	Melb'rne	24	75	s	Santiago	33	91	s
Athens	16	61	s	Florence	17	63	s	Mexico C	16	61	s	Seoul	0	32	s
Bahrain	19	66	f	Frankfurt	7	45	c	Miami	13	55	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bangkok	31	88	c	Funchal	18	64	f	Milan	13	55	s	St'kholm	-3	27	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	6	43	f	Montreal	-3	27	sn	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
Barcelona	14	57	f	Gibraltar	18	64	s	Moscow	-5	23	c	Sydney	21	70	s
Beirut	17	63	s	Helsinki	1	34	c	Munich	5	41	c	Tangier	16	61	f
Belgrade	4	39	r	Hong K	15	59	f	Nairobi	27	81	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Berlin	6	43	c	Innsbrck	4	39	c	Naples	15	59	f	Tenerife	19	66	s
Bermuda	-	**		Istanbul	11	52	f	N Delhi	17	63	s	Tokyo	11	52	c
Biarritz	13	55	f	Jeddah	27	81	s	N York	3	37	s	Toronto	-2	28	c
Borde'x	9	48	s	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Nice	17	63	s	Tunis	18	64	f
Brussels	7	45	f	Karachi	27	81	c	Oslo	-4	25	s	Valencia	20	68	s
Budapst	5	41	c	L Palmas	20	68	s	Paris	7	45	s	Vanc'ver	0	32	fg
B Aires	31	88	s	Le Tquet	9	48	f	Peking	3	37	s	Venice	11	52	s
Cairo	17	63	f	Lisbon	16	61	c	Perth	26	79	s	Vienna	6	43	f
Cape Tn	26	79	f	Locarno	7	45	c	Prague	4	39	c	Warsaw	5	41	f
Chicago	-4	25	s	L Angels	13	55	c	Reykjavik	-4	25	s	Wash'ton	4	39	c
Ch'church	19	66	f	Luxembg	4	39	r	Rhodes	15	59	f	Wel'ngton	19	66	c
Cologne	4	39	c	Luxor	19	66	c	Rio de J	27	81	f	Zurich	5	41	c

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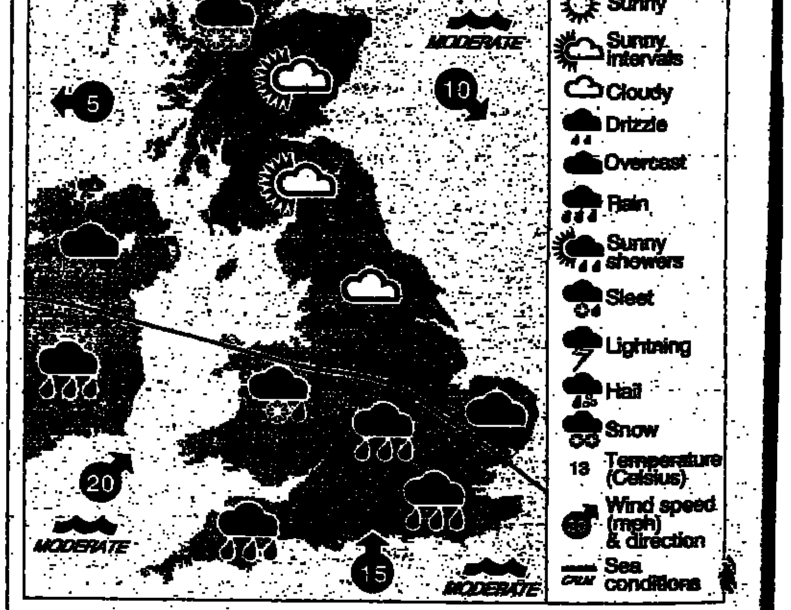

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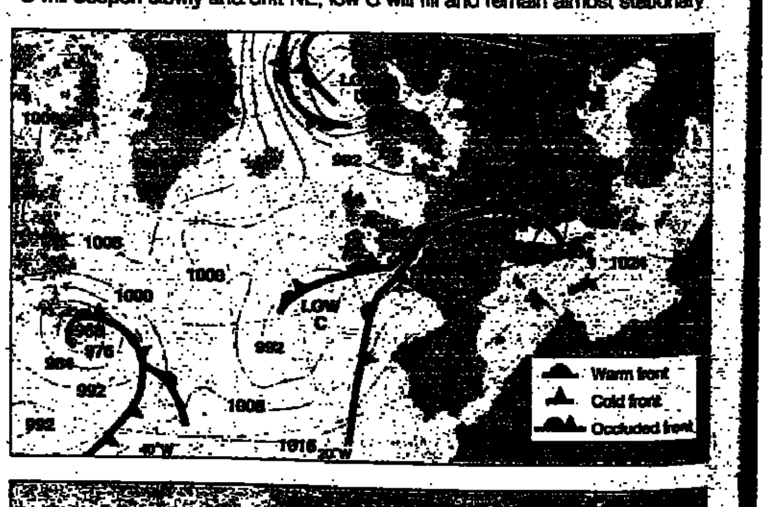

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London Bridge	7:10	6.28	8:03	6.07	Leith	8:41	4.75	9:10	4.80
Aberdeen	7:32	3.67	7:59	3.78	Liverpool	4:58	8.12	5:26	8.04
Avonmouth	0:24	10.87	0:57	10.73	Lowestoft	2:58	2.33	3:41	2.08
Belfast	4:48	3.02	5:26	3.25	Margate	6:29	4.25	6:14	4.01
Cardiff	0:28	10.05	1:02	10.06	Milford Haven	-	-	0:16	5.75
Devonport	11:37	4.63	-	-	Newquay	11:28	5.70	-	-
Dover	4:35	5.97	5:12	5.89	Oban	11:41	3.17	-	-
Dublin	5:44	3.55	6:21	3.74	Penzance	10:43	4.64	11:28	4.57
Falmouth	11:14	4.52	11:53	4.28	Portland	-	-	0:09	1.96
Glasgow	6:41	4.01	6:56	4.32	Portsmouth	5:01	4.24	5:34	3.95
Harwich	5:14	3.58	6:03	3.42	Shoreham	4:46	5.34	5:18	5.10
Holyhead	4:10	4.84	4:43	4.73	Southampton	4:30	4.12	5:02	3.92
Hull	-	-	0:15	6.28	Swansea	-	-	0:24	7.95
Ilfracombe	11:54	7.75	-	-	Tees	9:55	4.38	10:23	4.40
King's Lynn	-	-	0:41	5.53	W'ton-on-Nze	5:24	3.73	6:13	3.64

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Rate rise fears grow despite CBI optimism

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry insisted yesterday that new CBI figures showing sustained economic growth but increasing price pressures offered no evidence for a *further rise in interest rates.*

Despite the CBI's warning, fears of a new rate rise grew as economists maintained *that* Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, were likely to agree a further rise in base rates when they meet next week.

The CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey showed that in the past four months, total new orders grew at their *fastest for almost seven years*, while export orders and deliveries expanded faster than at any time since 1985.

The outlook over the next four months is even more impressive with export demand growth expected to be the quickest since *July 1977*.

The confederation said that almost no further job losses were *expected over the period*. But unit costs are expected to be at their fastest for four years, while domestic and export prices are set to rise at their *sharpest* for five years. Investment intentions are falling back slightly.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said the *survey*, conducted among more than 1,100 companies, showed that Britain's export-led recovery remained firmly on course.

He acknowledged that cost pressures, mainly due to rising imported raw material prices, were continuing to *build up, but had yet to feed* fully into higher prices — but said there was nothing in the *survey to justify an immediate* rise in interest rates.

However, Mr Buxton, who is also Barclays Bank chairman, added: "I have no doubt that at some point an interest rate rise will be necessary, but I do not happen to think it's necessary now."

CBI analysts are concerned about rising prices, and accept that raw material *input prices* have picked up significantly since the middle of last year, but believe the latest survey shows that manufacturers *have been able to contain* growth in average unit costs, principally because of favourable labour *cost trends and* strong competitive pressures.

While the balance of companies — those recording a rise against those registering a fall — reporting price rises is roughly stable at 10 per cent, those forecasting prices going *up over the next four months* is much higher at 33 per cent.

But CBI analysts pointed *out* that companies tend to revise list prices at this time, and that in only one of the last 20 quarterly surveys have manufacturers' price expectations been fully realised.

The Treasury pointed to the optimistic CBI figures on exports as clear *signs of* the strength of the economic recovery. City economists said *the findings strengthened* the case for another base rate rise from 6.25 per cent to prevent the economy overheating. David Walton, of Goldman Sachs, *the* US *investment* bank, said the survey contained ample evidence for Mr George to press for an immediate rate rise when he saw Mr Clarke next Wednesday if he felt one was needed.

☐ Michael Heseltine, *President of the Board of Trade*, will tomorrow announce a Government initiative on industrial competitiveness following last year's White Paper on the issue, which was originally prompted by the CBI.

New and old Saatchi pitch for BA account

By Our City Staff

MAURICE SAATCHI, *the* ousted advertising boss, was yesterday given the chance to *compete* with his old company for the £60 million British Airways account.

BA said it would review its 11-year advertising association with *Saatchi & Saatchi* after Maurice Saatchi resigned last month. He has set up a fresh *venture — New Saatchi*.

BA invited Saatchi & Saatchi, New Saatchi and two *other* advertising companies to pitch. The companies, which also include J Walter Thompson and Bartle, Bogle & Hegarty, have eight weeks to prepare a case.

Saatchi & Saatchi enjoyed a long and successful link with BA and helped to produce *some memorable TV adverts.* J Walter Thompson, of the US, has worked on the Oxo, BT and Kellogg accounts. Bartle, Bogle & Hegarty, the London firm, has been associated with Levi jeans and Volkswagen.

JAMES MORGAN

Something to smile about: Philippe Bourguignon boosted attendance over Christmas

Disneyland Paris rises 10%

EURO DISNEY has found a new class of customer, whose visits helped to lift total attendance *10 per cent in the first financial* quarter to December 31, according to market estimates (Martin Waller writes).

The theme park was the *surprise destination for a number* of Christmas parties held by big French companies *and* even by government bodies — the French Ministry of the *Interior, for example, sent* 15,000 staff there for a day.

The company was reporting a sharp improvement in losses for the first three months. *These were cut from* Fr491 million in the corres*ponding quarter to Fr109 million*, although most of the improvement came from last *year's financial restructuring.*

Philippe Bourguignon, chairman, said: "Although we still have a lot of work to do, we are very encouraged."

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ICA may merge with Cima

By Robert Bruce

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and *Cima, its industrial counterpart*, are considering a merger in their bid to dominate the market for accountants in business and industry.

If talks succeed, the process will create an accounting body of more than 140,000 accoun*tants, of which about* 80,000 will be based in business and industry.

The announcement followed yesterday's meeting of the six existing British accounting bodies that ended without an agreement to pro*ceed with a plan to unite under* the "Bishop proposals".

The English ICA and Cima announced that they are "to undertake exploratory talks to see whether there is a basis for a merger between the two bodies".

The aim, according *to Roger* Lawson of 3i and also the president of the English ICA, is "to do *something positive* about the absurd structure of our profession".

He emphasised that during the efforts to unite all six bodies, the members of Cima and the English ICA had shown in surveys that they were *most in favour of change*.

Meetings will start next week to discover whether a true consensus exists. Tom Glancy, president of Cima, said: "Once both councils agree, then we can get down to the nitty-gritty."

Mr Lawson said he believed that the final result "could be a federal structure creating an umbrella body with two arms". This would enable the *two strands of the profession,* practising and non-practising, to preserve their identity.

He hoped that the final vote could be taken at the annual meetings of the two bodies next year "or sooner if possible".

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	2969.0	(+14.8)
Yield	4.35%	
FT-SE A All share	1475.48	(+8.25)
Nikkei	18050.73	(+275.24)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3867.07	(−0.34)*
S&P Composite	465.20	(+0.38)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5$\frac{7}{16}$%*	(5$\frac{7}{16}$%)
Long Bond	95$\frac{5}{32}$*	(95$\frac{7}{32}$)
Yield	7.93%*	(7.92%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6$\frac{11}{16}$%	(6$\frac{11}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	100$\frac{22}{32}$	(100$\frac{18}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5972*	(1.5955)
London:		
$	1.5965	(1.5857)
DM	2.4141	(2.4116)
FFr	8.3680	(8.3460)
SFr	2.0284	(2.0242)
Yen	159.05	(159.03)
£ Index	80.2	(80.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5117*	(1.5116)
FFr	5.2410*	(5.2335)
SFr	1.2710*	(1.2683)
Yen	99.63*	(99.72)
$ Index	62.6	(62.5)

Tokyo close Yen 99.75

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr)	$16.70	($16.60)

GOLD

London close	$381.25	($382.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Brand names

Forbuoys, the large newsagents chain, and Prestige, the cooking utensils group, are being put up for *sale by* Gallaher, *the tobacco* group, as part of yet more disposal plans announced yesterday by American Brands, the holding company. **Page 27**

Does not pay

Business leaders argue that the *row* over big pay rises for a minority of directors increases the suffering of the majority. Directors, however, acknowledge their standing *has been damaged* by publicity on high pay **Page 29**

Power sale investors get choice of bonuses

By Martin Waller

INVESTORS in this spring's government sale of the two power generators, National Power and PowerGen, will be offered either a *discount* on the price they pay or bonus shares to encourage them *to hold onto their shares.*

Advisers to the £4 billion sale of the Government's remaining 40 per cent of the two companies yesterday announced incentives for the private investor, emphasising that these *would be available only to* those buying through the 130 share shops handling the *issue. Investors can* choose a 25p-a-share discount on the price of the first *800 shares in* the companies allocated. Alternatively, they may have one *free share for every* 15 allocated, up to a maximum of 80 free shares, but only if the shares are held for three years.

The companies are being sold in a pre-*determined* package of three shares in National Power, the larger company, for *every two in* PowerGen. The discount will be available as 10p off the second *instalment* and 15p off the final payment, expected to fall due in 15 to 18 *months' time.*

For incentives to be available to them, potential investors must register *for* the share offer by a deadline expected to be in mid February, just *before* the UK public offer. A pathfinder prospectus is due on *Monday*.

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BZW to manage £2bn of ICI pension fund

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

ICI is handing over the management of almost half its £4.6 billion pension fund, one of the UK's largest schemes, to BZW Investment Management, part of *Barclays'* investment banking arm.

BZW will manage £2 billion *of the assets in index funds*, linked to the performance of the stock market. The rest is expected to be shared between a group of external managers, with *Gartmore*, PDFM, Schroder Investment Management and Mercury Asset *Management* (MAM) thought to be in the running. Some managers will run portfolios with an overseas bias, or invest in specific assets.

BZW is the largest of a *small* group of index fund *specialists*. It manages £18 billion in index funds, *out of its total of* £50 billion funds under management and advice. Such funds offer a *lower risk, lower* return *strategy*.

ICI decided to ask external managers to *bid* for the *business* last month. The decision *followed the sudden* death of Thomas Heyes, its investment head, who was well regarded in investment circles.

The move was also partly *prompted by the decision of* Zeneca, the drugs company that was demerged from ICI in 1993, to withdraw £1.3 *billion in pension assets from* the ICI fund last April and to appoint PDFM, MAM, Schro*ders and JP Morgan* Investment Management as its pension managers.

ICI has 82,000 *current or* deferred pensioners according to its pensions report published in November, and only 20,000 contributing members. Its investments have been concentrated in UK and over*seas equities, with an estimat*ed 10 per cent in bonds.

An ICI spokesman said he was unable to comment on the appointment of BZW as the process of deciding on *external* managers of the funds is not yet completed. A decision on the other managers is expected by the end of the month.

He said that ICI decided to appoint external managers because "It is felt that the current *in-house managers* are not as well equipped as external managers to deal *with the increasing complexity* and sophistication of today's financial markets."

Using external managers "should reduce the vulnerability of being exposed to a single investment strategy," he said.

The combined ICI and Zeneca pension funds had been the tenth-largest scheme in Britain.

Lords attack Pensions Bill

THE Government's Pensions Bill, the biggest overhaul of pensions legislation for a generation, came under fire in the Lords yesterday for the excessive powers that it *grants* to the Social Security Secretary (Jonathan Prynn and Sara McConnell write).

Although the overall aims of the Bill are widely supported by MPs and peers, *there is* concern about the amount of technical regulation delegated to the *minister*.

The Bill establishes a new system of protection for pension funds following the Maxwell scandal, sets up a pensions ombudsman and equalises the retirement ages *of men and women at 65.*

It was given its second reading in the Lords last night *without* a vote *but* not before peers from all parties had expressed misgivings. Baroness *Hollis*, Labour's social security spokeswoman in the Lords, said the Secretary of *State's* regulatory powers were "alarmingly extensive".

Labour would seek "to bring this hidden Bill into the light," she told peers.

Lord Marsh, the crossbench peer, and a former Labour minister, said it was "not fair" to companies waiting to comply with the new *requirements* of the Bill to leave so many "very complex and serious issues" to ministerial regulation.

Meanwhile, a conference heard yesterday that the proposals to tighten pension law to protect members of occupational schemes *do not* go far enough. Bryan Freake, chairman of the Campaign for Pension *Fund* Democracy said: "Members of pension schemes have asked the Government *for help, but* the Government has used this Bill to further its own agenda."

Glaxo raises massive loan

By Sarah Bagnall

GLAXO, the UK drugs com*pany, has raised* the largest syndicated loan ever seen in Britain in order to part fund its £9.4 billion offer for rival Wellcome. The commitment *fee payable to the banks is* alone estimated be more than £30 million.

On top, Glaxo will have to pay an estimated £447 million *annual interest* on the loan, equal to 25 basis points over three-month London Inter *Bank Offer Rate*.

The facility is thought to be for £6.5 billion; details are not disclosed, but it is believed to involve a select group of lead underwriters, including NatWest and Midland Bank.

The group of ten banks are *said to* have provided committed lines of £700 million each, the bulk of which will be syndicated out to a *large* number of other banks. This is not expected to take place until the *deal* goes ahead.

Glaxo will pay an arrangement fee and underwriting fee, which together are estimated at about five basis points. The lead group of banks will also receive a commitment fee, payable until drawdown of the facilities occur, *this* could be equal to about 50 per cent of the interest charge. On top, there will be the *annual interest* charge, which Glaxo may opt to swap to a fixed rate charge rather than *leave it open to* fluctuation.

The City estimates that the *loan will push Glaxo's gearing* up to more than 300 per cent.

The Wellcome board is still *considering* whether to recommend acceptance of Glaxo's offer.

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Nick Salmon, left, and John Parker, chairman, announced the deal to supply power station boilers to China

Babcock wins $200m contract with China

BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL, the engineering group, has won a $200 million contract to supply coal-fired boilers to two new power stations in China, the largest power contract the group has won in more than two years (Neil Bennett writes).

The contract will help the group to protect up to 1,400 jobs at its works in Crawley, West Sussex, and Renfrew. Nick Salmon, Babcock's chief executive, said the company won the order after its successful work on the Yueyang power station, which opened officially early last year.

The company's energy division won the contract as part of a consortium along with Westinghouse, which is building the turbines, and Sargent & Lundy, the American engineering consultancy. The contract is expected to be signed in the middle of next month and engineering work should begin almost immediately.

The contract is being financed by export credit and has been ordered by Huaneng Power International, which will own and operate the stations.

The contract is an important victory for Babcock, which is trying to improve the profitability of its traditional power division and has been pitching for a series of large contracts. "It is encouraging progress in line with our corporate plan and reflects the high level of competitiveness we have now achieved." Mr Salmon said.

Half of ECGD cover goes on arms trade

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY half of government export credit guarantees went in support of the arms trade in the last fiscal year, according to the annual report from the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD).

The report, which was issued yesterday, showed cover provided for exporters in the defence industry rising to a record £1.97 billion in the year to March 31, 1994, from £1.59 billion the previous year.

This boosted the proportion of total ECGD capital goods and project business to 48 per cent from 42 per cent the year before, a development likely to provoke further criticism of the Government's use of taxpayers' money to foster the arms trade.

The ECGD raised the amount of new business insured overall by 8 per cent to £4.09 billion, its best showing for a decade, and became a net cash contributor to the Exchequer for the first time since 1982, handing over £40 million.

The World Development Movement (WDM), the Third World lobby group, said ECGD support for the arms trade was out of all proportion to the sector's contribution to British exports.

Harriet Lamb, of WDM, said that arms only average about 1.7 per cent of total exports, yet last year received almost half the export credit support.

She added that the Government was putting taxpayers' money at risk by increasing ECGD exposure to troubled economies as Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States, which received more than 90 per cent of the guarantees issued for 1993-94.

Brian Willott, the ECGD chief executive, said that the percentage of cover for the arms trade reflected the after-effects of the Gulf War and that the share of ECGD backing for the industry was this year expected to fall back to a more usual 20 per cent.

He noted that a better picture of the trend could be seen over the past ten years, when the share of support going to the defence industry exports had averaged between 10 per cent and 30 per cent.

With just over two months to go until the end of the current financial year, the ECGD has only achieved about three-quarters of the level of new business done at the same stage last year. Big contracts could, however, still swell the figures before the end of the year.

Mr Willott said that the focus of ECGD business had this year switched back from the Middle East to Asia.

The ECGD, which made an overall trading surplus of £407.5 million in 1993-94, will have a total exposure to China and Hong Kong, after Peking takes control of the Crown Colony in 1997, of £3.2 billion. Despite growing concern in the West about defaults, Mr Willott said that the ECGD had had no problems at all with China.

C&G action group calls for special meeting

BY ROBERT MILLER

AN action group representing thousands of dissatisfied Cheltenham & Gloucester investors has called on the building society to convene a special meeting to discuss alternatives to the proposed £1.8 billion takeover by Lloyds Bank.

C&G Alternatives, which has more than 3,000 members, said yesterday that it had written requesting the meeting to test opinion among all members on key issues. These include providing value to widows, thousands of whom have been excluded from the bonus payout, borrowers and those who have switched accounts, on C&G's advice, and have suffered as a result.

Paul Rivlin, founder of the action group, said: "Flotation has been chosen by the leading building society, the Halifax, and there are parliamentary initiatives in progress in favour of widows. It is perverse for the C&G board to persist with a takeover on the current timetable when a flotation would be much fairer."

Douglas French, Conservative MP for Gloucester, last week introduced a Bill to bring "fairness and justice" to many C&G investors. This followed a similar Bill introduced in the Lords by Lord Dubs, the Labour peer.

But the C&G, which is headed by Andrew Longhurst, said that even if Mr French's Bill was rushed through it would be too late for those widows and divorcees who had been excluded from the payout.

Longhurst: Bill too late

Mr French said: "My Bill is due for its second reading on February 3. If it gets through then the C&G must postpone its voting date or perhaps it should seriously reconsider alternative methods of achieving its objectives, including flotation. It would be most unreasonable to ignore what is happening.

"But at the moment the society seems determined to press on regardless. I have had some discussion with Anthony Nelson, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and he has considerable sympathy with the objectives of my Bill."

C&G said it had received the action group's letter and added: "When it gets to the chairman, he will respond."

Big rises for US sister banks

BY GEORGE SIVELL

AMERICAN subsidiaries of two British banks yesterday reported substantial rises in profits for the October to December quarter of trading.

Marine Midland, the US division of HSBC Holdings, said net profit in the fourth quarter ended December 31 rose 36 per cent to $61.9 million from $45.4 million a year earlier. This took net income for the year ended December 31 up 32 per cent to $229.3 million. Expenses fell 8 per cent from 1993.

Citizens Financial Group, the American subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland based in Providence, Rhode Island, announced an 82 per cent rise in core earnings to a record $20.9 million in the October-December quarter, the first in the current financial year.

Core earnings in the same quarter of last year were $11.5 million, but a one-off accounting change lifted earnings to $17.3 million.

Net interest income rose 50 per cent to $91.6 million. Non-interest income fell from $25.6 million to $25.1 million.

Protection proposed for small investors

Code seeks fair shares for all

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

PRIVATE shareholders pushed into nominee accounts by changing Stock Exchange settlement systems or the rules of personal equity plans would enjoy nearly all the benefits of direct share ownership under a proposed new code of practice.

The code, drawn up by a working group for ProShare, the body set up to represent individual investors, would put the onus on companies to give shareholders using nominees their usual rights. Shareholders would have to ask their nominee company to request the company whose shares they owned beneficially to treat them as direct shareholders. Under the code, shareholders would then receive annual reports, interim statements, as well as other documents involved in rights issues, scrip issues and takeover bids. In such cases, it would be up to shareholders to ask their nominees to take the chosen action.

Shareholders should be entitled to any perks and benefits available to investors who hold their shares directly. They should also be able to vote at company meetings by proxy and probably to attend and speak at meetings.

A survey conducted for ProShare found that shareholders were keener to retain the full benefits of shares than many had assumed.

The proposed code seems to have secured approval from nominee companies. Opinions among quoted companies are less clear-cut. Three-quarters of the companies polled generally approved of the code but only 14 per cent said they were "very likely" to support a code if it were introduced. Fifty seven per cent said they were "fairly likely" to implement the code.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.00
Austria Sch	17.99	16.49
Belgium Fr	52.77	48.47
Canada $	2.385	2.205
Cyprus Cyp£	0.784	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.16	9.33
Finland Mkk	8.06	7.41
France Fr	8.80	8.15
Germany Dm	2.57	2.36
Greece Dr	397.00	372.00
Hong Kong $	12.97	11.97
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2625.00	2470.00
Japan Yen	173.50	157.50
Malta	0.621	0.568
Netherlds Gld	2.861	2.631
Norway Kr	11.15	10.35
Portugal Esc	261.00	242.50
S Africa Rd	[illegible]	5.39
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.48	11.58
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	[illegible]	62731.0
USA $	1.692	1.562

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☐ Nominee code will not work voluntarily ☐ Auditors have another go at fraud ☐ City will decide the discount on power float

Law needed for shareholder rights

☐ THE paradox of wider share ownership is that it threatens to disenfranchise the very investors government and the City have sought to encourage. Many have simply bought a few shares in privatised companies and sat on them. Those of the new generation who venture further, or are more active, are being pushed ever more firmly to hold their shares via nominee companies. This is inevitable if they use personal equity plans, whose tax concessions are the main spur to stock market investment in the post-privatisation era. It will become *de rigueur* for all who deal under the new settlement systems being introduced by the Stock Exchange and developed by the Bank of England. Yet the nominee system cuts investors off from the companies whose shares they beneficially own.

The Bank asked ProShare to resolve these problems. After much courtly and judicious opinion-taking, ProShare has come up with the goods. It found that investors follow their shares regularly and often. They may not understand all the documents thrust upon them, but most want the information, the option of involvement and the right of choice in matters such as share issues and takeover bids. Perks are also popular and contact is vital if companies are to mobilise their shareholders as a supportive fan club. The code presented in ProShare's latest consultative document would, at first gaze, satisfy nearly all the shareholder's reasonable requirements. One weakness is that it would not oblige unwilling companies to allow indirect shareholders to attend and speak at general meetings. But the code as a whole should do the trick.

The trouble is that there seems no great likelihood of these good ideas being put into practice. They require the active support of quoted companies and also of nominee companies, who must pass on and implement investors' wishes. Yet those polled for ProShare did not seem wildly enthusiastic.

Many quoted companies do not really believe that private shareholders are interested, mainly because so few resist their passive attempts to withdraw annual reports. Companies foresee an increase in costs and they do not like it. While three quarters approve the code in principle, only one in seven was "very likely" to implement one if it is introduced. Just as many were not likely to. Among nominee companies, likewise, general support was tempered by lukewarm enthusiasm for providing *the facilities laid down in the* code. A significant proportion said they would not do so. Such lack of enthusiasm means that many nominees would charge investors heavily for the normal rights of ownership.

The conclusion is simple if unpalatable. The code will not work voluntarily. If shareholders are not to be disenfranchised, their rights, as expressed in the ProShare code, will simply have to be enforced by law. Investors will soon find out if the Government cares enough to act.

True, fair but slow

☐ WHEN people are partners in their own businesses, changing ways and reforming professional duties is harder than when a few bosses can lay down the law. But the momentum of change in accountancy is accelerating.

Plans to unify the profession, forever being promoted by its leaders in reponse to prodding by the authorities, are still way off. The six professional bodies tactfully asked a distinguished former president of a junior body to consult and draw up the latest mega-plan. It got nowhere.

Clambering from the ashes, the English chartered accountants and the management accountants have decided to resurrect their own bilateral merger talks. Roger Lawson, current president of the ICAEW, works in industry, helping to give the exploratory talks a favourable wind. The trouble is that the English Chartered accountants, the senior body, is forever initiating such moves, only to have them frustrated. The Scottish institute rejected a merger the English approved. Then the ICA's members failed to back their leaders' plan to merge with the public sector accountants of Cipfa. Expectations of a merger with Cima will therefore start low.

The drive to set higher professional standards is moving much faster. Under Sir David Tweedie, the Accounting Standards Board has scythed its way *through the old ways of fudging* profits, though it got bogged down in the goodwill debate.

The Auditing Practices Board, is moving jerkily but ever faster. Its latest standards have a triple advantage. They force all auditors to adopt existing best practice. They extend watchdog function on behalf of third parties. And they should give greater legal protection to auditors who follow the standards faithfully, if things go terribly wrong.

Change is fast. So these standards are the product of the last round of thinking. Since then, the APB's *Audit Agenda* has proposed, among other things, increasing auditors' individual responsibility and independence. Leading auditors argue that the board show go further to meet public concerns on fraud. Only the next major recession will show how far reform succeeds.

The Treasury's electric plug

☐ IF THE advisers to the £4 billion Gencos issue are becoming unnerved by the regulatory, political and other health warnings that are going to be slapped on the pathfinder prospectus on Monday, they are showing few signs of it at this stage.

The goodies to tempt in the private investor, as ever, would seem to have been designed to widen and flatten share ownership, since they favour the smaller punter, but that has always been the aim of such government share sales.

As the share prices stood in the market yesterday, the investor would have to spend more than £4,000 before he or she reaches the cut-off point at which no further discount would become available. At the same time, if the investor decides to go for bonus shares, these stop being added once his or her allocation goes above £6,000.

The bonus share scheme therefore represents a 6.7 per cent effective improvement in the terms to the loyal investor but only arrives after three years; the improvement to the price on offer is nearer 5 per cent if he or she goes for the discount, but this benefit is the first to fall due, at the time of the second and third instalments.

All this is much in line with other privatisations. Once again the Government is saying, let the City institutions price this one among themselves, and we will then build in an automatic discount to the retail investor. The crunch will come right at the end of the offer timetable, when the latter learns just how much of a discount to the price the City is paying is on offer.

Glaxo's generosity

☐ GLAXO'S £9.4 billion bid for Wellcome is the best news the financial community has had for years. The fees that the drugs group will have to pay to execute the deal are being spread all around the City, while the group's £6.5 billion loan will, on its own, provide the British banks with the asset growth they have needed. That should cure a few ulcers among the City fraternity quicker even than Zantac.

Gallaher plans to sell Prestige and Forbuoys

By George Sivell, assistant business editor

FORBUOYS, the large newsagents chain, and Prestige, the cooking utensils group, are being put up for sale by Gallaher, the tobacco group, as part of yet more disposal plans announced yesterday by American Brands, the holding company.

American Brands said that it plans to dispose of a number of non-strategic businesses and product lines and took a pre-tax, mostly non-cash, charge of $245 million in the fourth quarter, based on expected proceeds of $150 million to $175 million from the disposals.

Gallaher said the disposals followed a strategic review. Prestige's product range includes stainless steel cookware, pressure cookers and kitchen tools which are sold in Britain and overseas.

Forbuoys has 700 confectionery, tobacconist and newsagent outlets in Britain, which have sales of about £300 million. It is understood to be a likely target of a management buyout offer, expected to be led by James Lancaster, the chairman of the Gallaher retail division, and to be advised by accountants Ernst & Young.

Prestige and Forbuoys, both based in Britain, had combined sales of $752 million during 1994 but suffered a combined net loss of $3 million net. Gallaher said yesterday that it had appointed Kleinwort Benson to handle both the Forbuoys and Prestige sales.

Peter Wilson, chairman and chief executive of Gallaher, said: "Both these long-established companies are among the leaders in their respective fields, but are no longer considered strategic to the future of Gallaher Limited. Accordingly, we have decided to offer them both for sale."

At the end of last year, American Brands was allowed by the Federal Trade Commission in America to sell its American Tobacco subsidiary to Britain's BAT for $1 billion. Final approval for this disposal followed agreement on the $1.17 billion sale of Franklin Life Insurance to American General. The deal is still subject to regulatory approval.

American Brands said that it would use the Franklin proceeds to buy back shares on the market. It also said that it was aggressively restructuring operations to enhance the group's presence as a "consumer powerhouse" with leading market positions.

Yesterday, American Brands reported a rise in net profits for 1994 to $885 million from $541 million in 1993. The 1994 figure, however, included a $333 million gain from disposals and excluded a $151 million charge from discontinued operations. The 1993 figure excluded a $127 million gain from discontinued operations.

During the fourth quarter, net operating profits rose from $144 million to $472 million, including the $333 million gain from disposals.

Meggitt issues profit warning

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

Coates: US problems

MEGGITT Holdings, the aerospace and electronics group, yesterday warned of a sharp fall in profits as a result of a disappointing performance at one of its American subsidiaries.

The company said profits for the year to the end of December would not exceed £15 million before tax, compared with profits of £23.3 million earned in 1993. Analysts had been forecasting profits of between £18 million and £20 million.

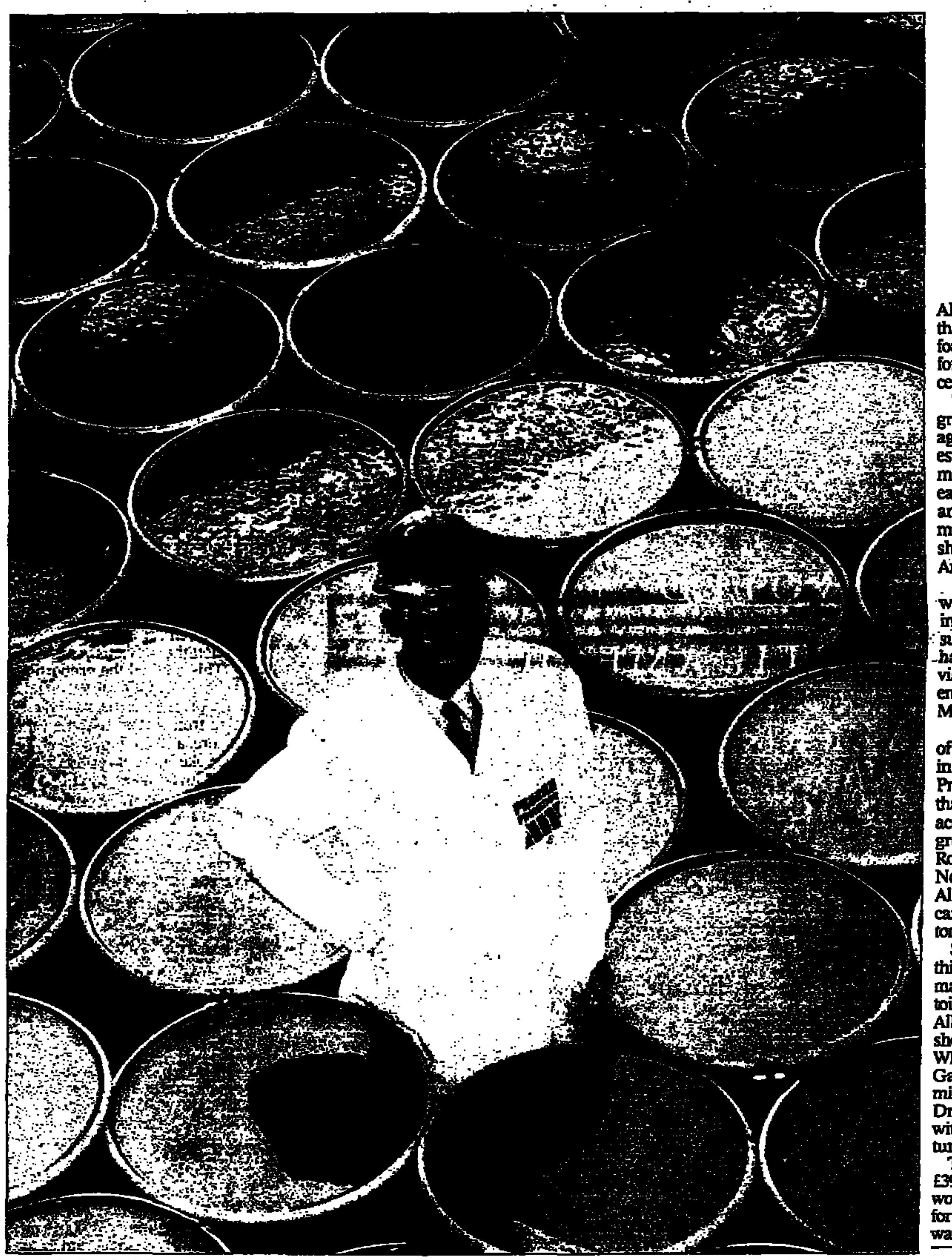
The company's shares fell to 64½p from 77p, compared with 105p a year ago, despite a promise by Ken Coates, chairman, to recommend a final dividend of 2.63p for the third year running.

Mr Coates said unaudited management accounts had revealed problems at Plastic Fabricating, one of the American aerospace businesses, where manufacturing problems had resulted in a significant but undisclosed inventory write-off.

Corrective action had been taken and management changes were implemented, he said. But disruption to the business and subsequent loss of orders meant the business was unlikely to return to profit in the next 12 months.

The rest of the group traded in line with expectations in the second half, Mr Coates said. Immediate prospects in the aerospace sector remained uncertain but there had been some improvement recently in industrial markets.

In September, Meggitt held the interim dividend at 1.3p a share despite a decline in earnings to 2.5p (3.3p). First-half pre-tax profits fell to £8.6 million (£10.8 million), reflecting weak orders in the final quarter of 1993. Analysts then trimmed back profit forecasts in the light of difficult trading conditions.



Robin Paul, chief executive of Albright & Wilson, which made estimated operating profits of £62.7 million

Albright & Wilson valued at £600m

By Carl Mortished

ALBRIGHT & WILSON, the company that puts the kick in Coca-Cola and the foam in Timotei, enhanced prospects for its February flotation with 11 per cent higher operating profits.

The West Midlands chemicals group, established more than 100 years ago making phosphorous for matches, estimated operating profits of £62.7 million for 1994 and pro forma earnings of £40 million. Analysts anticipate a flotation value of £600 million for the group, all of whose shares are being sold by Tenneco, the American conglomerate.

Albright's pre-tax profits for 1994 will be hit by a £20 million provision including the cost of restructuring its surfactants business, where profits have been hit by competition. The provision also includes £10 million for environmental costs and a £3.6 million Mexican currency exchange loss.

Albright is the world's largest maker of purified wet phosphoric acid, used in food, soft drinks and detergent. Profits from phosphates have more than doubled to £44.6 million and account for more than 70 per cent of the group's operating profits and Dr Robin Paul sees further growth in North and South America. Last month Albright took a half-share in a Mexican plant capable of producing 150,000 tonnes of wet phosphoric acid.

Surfactants account for more than a third of sales but stiff competition in a market that supplies detergent and toiletries manufacturers has hurt Albright and last year the company shed 150 staff in its plants at Whitehaven, Cumbria, and near Lake Garda, Italy. Albright only made £9 million from surfactants last year but Dr Paul expects margins to improve with expansion in Asia from joint ventures helping to raise profitability.

Tenneco is selling Albright with only £39 million in debt, mainly short-term working capital facilities and pro forma gearing at the end of September was only 12 per cent.

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Zeneca fights generic drug plan

By Sarah Bagnall

ZENECA, the agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals group, has started legal action over plans by Novopharm to market a generic version of Nolvadex, Zeneca's breast cancer treatment, in America.

Nolvadex has worldwide sales of more than $500 million and its US patent runs out in 2002. Zeneca said that Novopharm, a Canadian generic company, had filed an abbreviated new drug application with the US Food & Drug Administration. According to Zeneca, Novopharm is arguing that the US patent for Nolvadex "is not valid and enforceable". Zeneca is contesting the claim.

Zeneca also confirmed that results for 1994 were in line with market forecasts and announced the appointment of Michael Pragnell as chief executive officer of Zeneca Agrochemicals. He is to join on April 1, from Courtaulds, of which he is a director.

The City is looking for profits before exceptionals of about £760 million for 1994. The company yesterday confirmed that full-year profits would be dented by a net exceptional charge of £100 million, as expected.

In spite of confirmation of performance near market expectations, the shares fell 30p to 886p. This, analysts said, was a correction after a sharp rise, of 24p to 916p, on Monday, when Glaxo's bid for Wellcome prompted speculation that Zeneca may be an appealing takeover target.

Zeneca said 1994 pharmaceutical sales beat 1993's, in spite of deteriorating market conditions. Agrochemicals beat 1993 sales in spite of a second-half downturn due to droughts.

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Watchdog powers added to audit role

By Graham Searjeant

AUDITORS are to have wide new responsibilities for vetting companies' compliance with regulations such as tax law and building permits, as well as trying to catch fraud.

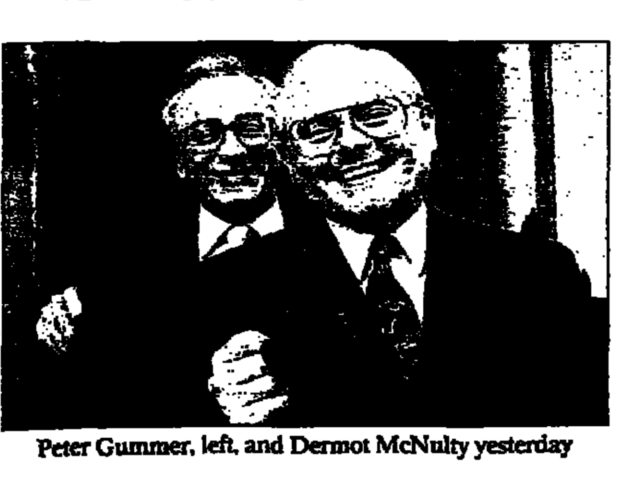
Under a new auditing standard on fraud and error promulgated by the Auditing Practices Board, auditors must design audits to vet companies' defences against fraud that might risk accounts being materially wrong.

The standard emphasises that auditors are not responsible for detecting fraud, but insists that they must assess the risks in each company they audit, including risks that management might itself commit fraud.

Risk factors include the presence of dominant individuals beyond board control and needlessly complex financial structures. The standard suggests warning signs, such as high turnover of staff in the finance department and unusual deals just before the end of the accounting year.

Under another new standard, auditors should take into account key non-accounting regulations, telling such bodies as Customs & Excise and the Health and Safety Executive of serious breaches not being dealt with by management.

Shandwick continues recovery with £7.3m



Peter Gummer, left, and Dermot McNulty yesterday

By Jon Ashworth

SHANDWICK, the public relations company headed by Peter Gummer, has continued its recovery from the strategic disasters that nearly sank it three years ago. The company lifted pre-tax profits to £7.33 million (£4.8 million) in the year to end-October, largely thanks to a lower interest bill and improved prospects in North America.

Operating income rose to £106.8 million (£101.2 million). Debt was cut to £46 million (£67.3 million), trimming the interest bill to £4.8 million (£6.6 million). Some £18.9 million of the reduction stemmed from the rights issue of March 1994.

The biggest gains were in North America, which provides about 52 per cent of group revenue. Operating income rose 10.2 per cent in constant currency terms to £55.2 million. Margins improved slightly to 20.1 per cent.

The UK, which accounts for 25.8 per cent of worldwide revenue, increased income by 2.5 per cent to £27.6 million. In Continental Europe, income increased 0.8 per cent in sterling terms to £8.8 million. Difficult business conditions in Japan left Asia Pacific income down 5.7 per cent in constant currency terms at £15.3 million.

Dermot McNulty, chief executive, said the company was cautiously pursuing growth opportunities. He said: "The landscape has changed. We are quite pleased that we have got into some quite important markets without a significant outlay of funds." The shares slipped 1½p to 38p yesterday.

The number of employees worldwide has fallen from 2,200 to 1,829 in the past three years. New offices have opened in Washington DC, Peking and Kuala Lumpur. New business wins include Microsoft, in Japan, Halifax Building Society, in the UK, and Wheelock NatWest, in Hong Kong.

Earnings per share, restated on a nil distribution basis and excluding tax credits, were 4.1p compared to 1.8p as restated for 1993. On a net basis, earnings per share were 4.5p (6p). A final dividend of 0.87p (nil) per share payable on April 18 makes a total of 1.3p (nil).

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Warburg driven higher by speculative buying

The Pru may look for an outsider to replace Mick Newmarch

SPECULATIVE buying drove **SG Warburg** 12p higher to 748p but the uncertainty being created about the group's future independence appears to be having an unsettling affect on some of its corporate clients.

Warburg has had to step down as company broker to both Wellcome and Glaxo because of a conflict of interest and during the past couple of days at least two of its big corporate clients have also resigned, switching their services to a rival house.

John Ritblat's **British Land**, 2p firmer at 357p, has decided to take on the Swiss-owned firm UBS along with **Yorkshire Electricity**, 12p up at 796p, which has itself become concerned about the possibility of a takover following the Swiss Bank Corporation's decision to acquire more than 8 per cent of its shares. Swiss Bank is acting as adviser to **Trafalgar House**, 1p firmer at 68p, which is currently bidding for **Northern Electric**, 10p better at 990p.

Just a few weeks ago Warburg broke off merger talks with Morgan Stanley, the American bank. The stumbling block was its independently quoted fund management arm, **Mercury Asset Management**, 12p higher at 769p, which demanded better terms from the deal.

Warburg has been rationalising its business by shedding jobs and pulling out of the Eurobond market. There is even talk that the group may consider selling off part of its holding in MAM.

But, in spite of its efforts, the shares are again being driven higher by speculative buying. City pundits take the view that its days are numbered and that another bidder is about to emerge. Two names being pushed forward are Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan, the Wall Street banking house.

The rest of the equity market managed to regain some of its composure after Monday's losses. London took its lead from steadier performances overnight on Far Eastern markets and a late rally on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index ended the session 14.8 up at 2,969.0 with turnover up to 660 million shares by a programme trade. Sentiment remains clouded by persistent talk about an imminent rise in interest rates both in Britain and America. Elsewhere on the takeover front, **Wellcome** finished 6p cheaper at 955p as the profit-takers moved in after the sharp surge in the share price which greeted news of Monday's £9 billion bid from Glaxo. Brokers reported good two-way business as almost 19 million shares changed hands.

The terms from Glaxo value Wellcome at £10.25 and have already received the backing of the Wellcome Trust speaking for 40 per cent of the equity. **Glaxo** recovered 9p to 608p as dealers continued to reflect favourably on the proposed merger.

A trading statement from **Zeneca** failed to excite the market and left the shares 30p lower at 886p. The group said it expected results for the full year to match brokers expectations of about £760 million compared with £642 million last time.

Meggitt, the engineer, tumbled 12p to 65p after warning brokers that its full-year figures will fall short of market forecasts ranging from £18 million to £20 million. The group blamed the setback on a poor performance from Plastic Fabricating, its American aerospace division. The group said pre-tax profits for the current year were unlikely to exceed £15 million compared with £23.3 million for the previous year. Meggitt said that it was unlikely that Plastic Fabricating would return to profitability during the next year.

The sudden departure on Monday night of Mick Newmarch, its chief executive, depressed shares of **Prudential Corporation**, Britain's biggest institutional investor. The shares slipped 14p to 295p. The Pru is now faced with the task of soothing City fears and finding a replacement for Mr Newmarch. Speculation within the Square Mile yesterday suggested the company may have to bring in someone from outside to run the company. Some brokers fear the company faces an uphill struggle in its efforts to restore market faith with both Credit Lyonnais Laing and rival Smith New Court, both taking a cautious line.

Albert Fisher, the fresh food group, enjoyed an early mark-up before reverting to close all-square at 46p. Several positive stories were doing the rounds. Dealers claim the group will benefit from the affects of the American floods, which are expected to drive food prices higher. There was also vague talk of a bid from **Lonrho**, unchanged at 154½p. Stephen Walls sits on the boards of both companies.

Ladbroke firmed 1p to 164p with confirmation expected anytime now of the sale of its Texas Homecare chain to **J. Sainsbury**, unchanged at 413p. Both sides have been haggling intently about the price and the City will be watching closely to see how much the 240-strong chain changes hands for.

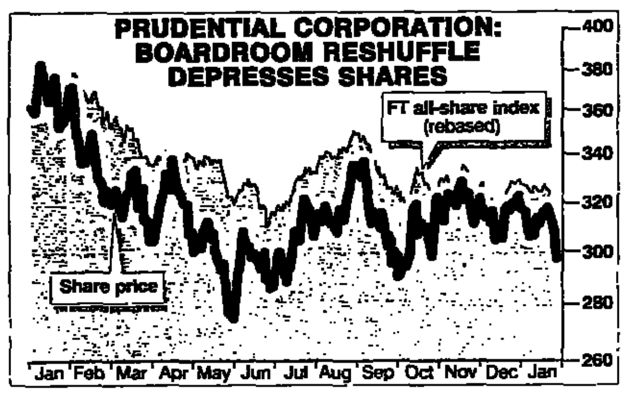
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts traded in a narrow range for much of the day with investors unwilling to open fresh positions ahead of today's auction. Sentiment was further depressed by the latest CBI economic survey that supported the view of an imminent rise in interest rates.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt traded in limits of £100¹⁷/₃₂ and £100²⁵/₃₂ before ending the session two ticks higher at £100²¹/₃₂ as a total of 39,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2013 eased a tick to £94⁹/₃₂, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 also lost £¹/₃₂ at £97.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street were directionless in early trading with too many uncertainties looming for the market to move decisively in any direction. The Dow Jones industrial average, caught in a tight band, was down 0.34 of a point at 3,867.07.

Vodafone ended 3p dearer at 187½p as a staggering 47 million shares changed hands, including three seperate parcels of nine million shares at 189½p. Brokers quickly dismissed talk of a build-up in the shares claiming the parcels formed the tail-end of a programme trade carried out by Goldman Sachs last week.



PRUDENTIAL CORPORATION: BOARDROOM RESHUFFLE DEPRESSES SHARES

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3867.07 (-0.34)
S&P Composite	466.20 (+0.38)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	18060.73 (+275.24)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7022.90 (+54.97)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	407.52 (+2.47)

Sydney:

AO	1862.0 (+0.2)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2018.04 (-8.79)

Singapore:

Straits	1919.12 (+2.18)

Brussels:

General	7062.45 (+5.44)

Paris:

CAC-40	1780.17 (+7.33)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	627.80 (+2.60)

London:

FT 30	2251.3 (+13.0)
FT 100	2969.0 (+14.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3395.6 (+11.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1299.33 (+7.71)
FT A All-Share	1475.48 (+6.25)
FT Non Financials	1606.20 (+5.31)
FT Gold Mines	206.8 (-2.0)
FT Fixed Interest	109.01 (-0.19)
FT Govt Secs	90.55 (-0.02)
Bargains	22715
SEAQ Volume	660.5m
USM (Datastrm)	147.07 (+0.70)
US$	1.5963 (+0.0013)
German Mark	2.4149 (+0.0072)
Exchange Index	80.2 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2717
£:SDR	1.0791
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
Caledn Media Wts	6½	...
Clydeport	157	+1
First Russ Fts ($10)	570	...
Gart Micro Index (500)	510	...
Hill Hire	103	-1
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Lazard Birla Ida	51¼	-¼
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	30½	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mthsn Lyds ITst (100)	82	...
Pentex Oil	100	-5
TeleWest Comm (182)	174½	+½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Uts	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dares Estates n/p (4)	1	-¼
Hewitt n/p (68)	22	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SG Warburg	748p (+12p)
Takeda Chem	751p (+18½p)
Copymore	130p (+10p)
Forward Gp	219p (+17p)
Flextech	363p (+19p)
Scot TV	438p (+23p)
Shell	707p (+11p)
MAM	769p (+12p)
Sappi	996p (+16p)
Kewill Sys	261p (+18p)

FALLS:

Laporte	659p (-15p)
Liberty	265p (-23p)
Leeds	250p (-20p)
Broken Hill	912p (-13p)
Domino	552p (-11p)
Kenwood App	282p (-12p)
Mitel	242p (-10p)
Tadpole Tech	208p (-23p)
Prudential	295p (-14p)
Zeneca	886p (-30p)
Smithkline	455p (-11p)
Estates Agency	340p (-10p)
Cantors	131p (-17p)

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TEMPUS

Zeneca escapes

SIGHS of relief were no doubt heard on Monday at Zeneca's headquarters when Glaxo fired its £9.4 billion cannon at Wellcome. Zeneca has been on everybody's list of bid candidates and the immediate consequence of any takeover in the pharmaceutical sector is likely to be large-scale redundancies.

The dip in Zeneca's share price yesterday might also be dismissed as the knock-on effects of Glaxo but that would be to ignore the more substantial pressures on pharmaceutical stocks and on Zeneca in particular.

Zeneca has always been a dubious bid candidate. The bulk of its sales relate not to drugs but to agrochemicals and specialities; Zeneca has a commanding presence in the sector but its profitability comes nowhere near the 70-80 per cent gross margins that can be earned from selling drugs. There is little reason for a predator to offer bid multiples of 20 times for Zeneca only to sell off the agrochemicals operations at a discount. Add to that the prospect of rising interest rates which are raising the cost of cash offers.

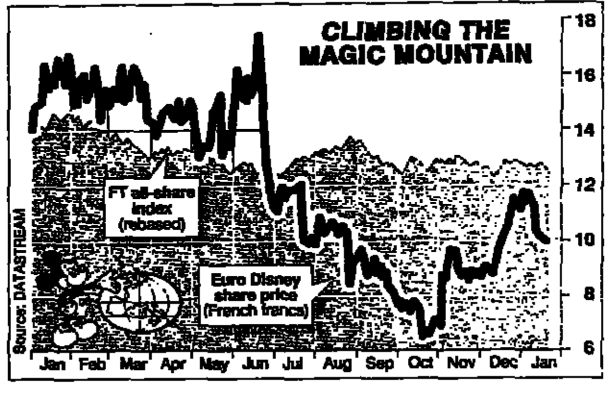
Yesterday, Zeneca published reassuring news about profits but irritated the market by confirming that the provision for restructuring would remain at £100 million despite earning a profit on the sale of its garden products business. Zeneca has opted out of the scramble for distribution muscle in the US preferring to spend more modest amounts on a diversification into clinical care. With lower margin agrochemicals on one side and a service operation on the other, Zeneca may have made itself less attractive to the Glaxos of this world. The question is whether it may also be reducing its attraction to investors.

EuroDisney

SIGNS of a sharp improvement in the fortunes of Euro Disneyland should be read with a degree of caution. The company's first profit, contrary to some optimistic noises from analysts, is unlikely to be significantly hastened, and the best bet is probably Euro Disneyland's own published estimate that it will climb into the black for the next financial year, that ending in 1996.

The 80 per cent fall in net losses, a total reduction of Fr382 million, comes after a Fr300 million saving from last year's refinancing. Although the detailed figures will not be available until the interims, much of this is lower interest bills following the rights issue. The rest is the waived management fee that would have been paid to the Walt Disney corporation, which in the last financial year would have totalled Fr45 million, according to the refinancing document.

To set against this, there is an unspecified negative from lower fees from the big sponsors to the park, firms such as Renault, Philips and IBM. Revenues from the theme park and hotels were 3 per cent ahead, the benefits from higher attendance having been eroded by the need to cut hotel prices to pull the punters in. The 5p rise in the share price yesterday, to 124p, was a knee-jerk reaction to the numbers and is unlikely to reflect any fundamental change in the market's perception. The shares are off the bottom, but it still looks too early to buy.



CLIMBING THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN

Shandwick

THE world of hype is a happier place now the recession has receded and people have something to shout about once more. Shareholders in Shandwick, the public relations group, have seen their share of the bad times. But the company has finally increased operating income in constant currency for the first time since 1990.

The group was helped by last year's £18.9 million rights issue, which accounted for almost 90 per cent of the debt reduction. At least Shandwick had a positive cash flow of £2.3 million, which is no mean feat considering that it is still saddled with payments on acquisitions made long ago. These will cost another £5 million in the next two years and restrain cash flow, which is supposed to be the strong point of so-called "people" businesses.

With the recovery, the question remains how it can expand from here. Opening offices in Peking and Kuala Lumpur is hardly likely to transform the bottom line. The uncertainty of future growth is one reason the shares slipped after the figures. At 37.5p, the market puts the company on less than ten times historic earnings and a 4.3 per cent yield, suggesting that it retains its scepticism about quoted people businesses.

Albright & Wilson

IF PATRIOTISM motivates investors they will be queuing up to fill their boots with Albright & Wilson, a British manufacturer that makes profits and traces its roots back to the last century.

Albright is not a piece of industrial archaeology, however. It trades in a highly competitive market and investors keen to support the home team should bear in mind that Tenneco is selling the entire company at what most in the chemical industry believe to be the peak of the cycle. Albright believes its products, which are constituents of consumer staples like detergents and toothpaste, are recession resistant. A glance at the of the surfactants business indicates that competition for the consumer buck goes back all the way up the chain.

Such worries could chip away at the rumoured flotation multiple of 15 times historic earnings. Margins in the surfactants business will benefit from recent cost-cutting, but the operating return from phosphates is near 20 per cent and investors in Albright will need a lot of faith to see much improvement in the market.

By then Albright will also be looking for a new chief executive. Investors might be more reassured if the names of candidates were known when the shares hit the market.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	983-982	May	1040-1039
May	987-986	Jul	1050-1045
Jul	996-997	Sep	1059-1058
Sep	1009-1007	Dec	1074-1068
Dec	1021-1018		
Mar	1030-1029		Volume: 3284

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2865-2860	Sep	2810-2805
Mar	2870-2855	Nov	2810-2796
May	2820-2815	Jan	2832-2810
Jul	2800-2790		Volume: 3799

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	358.2-56.0
Spot 416.90		Dec	354.2-52.0
Mar	408.4-07.1	Mar	350.2-46.0
May	403.4-02.5	May	350.0-45.6
Aug	388.4-86.5		Volume: 2419

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	93.21	119.50	119.59
(+/-)	-3.86	+2.95	-0.71
Eng/Wales	83.57	116.49	119.55
(+/-)	+3.87	+2.70	-0.69
(%)	+19.0	+4.0	-11.0
Scotland	74.11	119.11	122.69
(+/-)	+2.04	-4.06	-1.32
(%)	-3.0	-7.0	+2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.85	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.70	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.40	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.30	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B 162 (-1)	O 164 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	147 (-2)	149 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	150 (+3)	151 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	151 (+3)	152 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	105 (-2)	107 (-2)
Naphtha	162 (n/c)	164 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	146.00-46.25	May	149.25 BID
Mar	148.25-48.50	Jun	149.75-50.00
Apr	149.00-49.25		Vol: 15612

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	16.84-16.85	Jun	16.61-16.65
Apr	16.70-16.73	Jul	16.61 BID
May	16.65-16.68		Vol: 27683

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	109.35	Mar	104.65
May	111.20	May	106.50
Jul	112.75	Sep	97.35
Sep	97.30	Nov	98.65
Nov	98.85	Jan	100.15
	Volume: 120		Volume: 3

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	364.0	353.5
May	384.0	372.5
Jun	unq	unq
		Volume: 125

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 117.25-117.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	1900	1860	1895
Mar 95	1900	1860	1880
Apr 95	1874	1849	1849
Jul 95	1650	1630	1640

Vol: 198 lots Open Interest: 3640

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3032.0-3033.0	3035.0-3036.0	144300
Lead ($/tonne)	656.00-657.00	701.00-701.50	138200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1184.0-1185.0	1210.5-1211.0	461350
Tin ($/tonne)	6445.0-6450.0	6522.0-6525.0	32215
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2142.0-2143.0	2151.0-2151.5	1169075
Nickel ($/tonne)	9990-10000	10175-10179	69864

LIFFE OPTIONS

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 63434	Mar 95	2975.0	2979.0	2961.0	2972.0	10076
	Jun 95				2982.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3644	Mar 95				3380.0	0
	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 416038	Mar 95	92.85	92.95	92.82	92.84	12599
	Jun 95	92.11	92.11	92.05	92.09	13139
	Sep 95	91.54	91.56	91.54	91.57	3394
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 2192	Mar 95				93.22	0
	Jun 95				92.56	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 692736	Mar 95	94.73	94.74	94.71	94.74	23789
	Jun 95	94.29	94.32	94.27	94.31	32394
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 91291	Mar 95	100-21	100-25	100-14	100-21	39050
	Jun 95				100-27	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.15	108.25	108.14	108.19	2635
	Jun 95	107.42	107.48	107.43	107.47	54
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 198945	Mar 95	89.50	89.56	89.29	89.50	103452
	Jun 95	88.90	88.92	88.74	88.91	811
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 22352	Mar 95	93.46	93.49	93.43	93.48	1999
	Jun 95	92.94	92.98	92.93	92.98	1318
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 40652	Mar 95	95.69	95.77	95.67	95.77	6259
	Jun 95	95.33	95.39	95.31	95.38	1667
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 49779	Mar 95	100.30	100.34	99.71	99.90	34181
	Jun 95	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	3

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks [illegible] Finance Hse [illegible]

Discount Market Loans: O/night high [illegible] Low [illegible] Week fixed [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible] Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.92	n/a	6.20	6.67	7.37
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III, 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V [illegible] %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.20-381.60 **Close:** $381.00-381.50 **High:** $381.90-382.30 **Low:** $380.90-381.40 **AM:** $381.50 **PM:** $381.30

Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£237.50-239.50)

Platinum: $416.00 (£260.10) **Silver:** $4.84 (£3.03) **Palladium:** $157.50 (£98.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7062-2.7116	2.7052-2.7090	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	49.74-49.90	49.74-49.85	7-2pr	18-11pr
Copenhagen	9.5100-9.5400	9.5100-9.5250	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0095-1.0115	1.0097-1.0115	6-3pr	14-9pr
Frankfurt	2.4125-2.4194	2.4125-2.4157	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	249.37-250.35	249.71-250.35	67-76ds	233-254ds
Madrid	210.46-211.14	210.46-210.76	38-45ds	113-131ds
Milan	2529.00-2537.60	2529.00-2532.30	4-6ds	12-14ds
Montreal	2.2567-2.2701	2.2567-2.2598	0.24-0.33ds	0.57-0.70ds
New York	1.5950-1.6002	1.5960-1.5970	0.05-0.04pr	0.14-0.11pr
Oslo	10.5520-10.5820	10.5520-10.5680	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.3490-8.3770	8.3510-8.3650	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.8660-11.9110	11.8660-11.8900	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	158.70-159.22	158.91-159.18	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.94-17.03	16.94-16.96	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.0266-2.0330	2.0269-2.0298	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2973-1.2981
Austria	10.64-10.65
Belgium (Com)	31.19-31.20
Canada	1.4165-1.4170
Denmark	5.9700-5.9730
France	5.2383-5.2393
Germany	1.5127-1.5137
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7335
Ireland	1.5788-1.5803
Italy	1585.25-1586.25
Japan	99.55-99.60
Malaysia	2.5610-2.5620
Netherlands	1.6966-1.6976
Norway	6.6165-6.6195
Portugal	156.41-156.51
Singapore	1.4511-1.4521
Spain	132.01-132.06
Sweden	7.4278-7.4353
Switzerland	1.2715-1.2725

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5982-1.6008
Australia dollar	2.0721-2.0744
Bahrain dinar	0.5950-0.6070
Brazil real*	1.3600-1.3642
Cyprus pound	0.7370-0.7470
Finland markka	7.4325-7.5485
Greece drachma	372.50-379.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.3503-12.3574
India rupee	49.56-50.52
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4715-0.4815
Malaysia ringgit	4.0899-4.0941
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4702-2.4737
Pakistan rupee	48.65 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9300-6.0460
Singapore dollar	2.3174-2.3205
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6077-6.6439
S Africa rand (com)	5.6329-5.6399
U A E dirham	5.7975-5.9215

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	550	Legal & Gn	1,600
ASDA Gp	10,000	Lloyds Bk	2,300
Abbey Natl	7,900	MEPC	959
Alld Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	3,800
Argyll Gp	1,400	NatWst Bk	5,500
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Nat Power	2,200
AB Foods	775	Nth Wst W	769
BAA	3,000	P & O	2,500
BAT Inds	2,100	Pearson	1,400
BOC	1,100	PowerGen	2,000
BP	7,200	Prudential	19,000
BTR	7,500	RMC	532
BT	10,000	RTZ	1,800
Bk of Scot	3,300	Rank Org	1,400
Barclays	4,900	Reckitt Col	2,000
Bass	1,300	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	1,400	Reed Intl	808
Boots	1,000	Rentokil	295
Bowater	2,500	Reuters	10,000
Brit Aero	4,300	Rolls Royce	1,700
Brit Airwys	6,200	Ryl Ins	1,900
Brit Gas	7,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600
Brit Steel	16,000	Sainsbury	3,900
Burmah Cstl	616	Schroders	14
Cable Wire	6,700	Scot & New	951
Cadbury	3,900	Scot Power	3,000
Caradon	1,300	Sears	1,100
Carlton Cms	353	Svrn Trent	622
Cm Union	3,700	Shell Trans	5,000
Courtaulds	396	Siebe	1,700
De La Rue	578	SmKl Bch	5,200
Eastern Elec	513	Smith Nph	1,000
Enterpr Oil	649	Sthern Elec	1,800
Forte	1,400	Std Chartd	1,600
GKN	625	Sun Allnce	2,600
GRE	1,400	TI Gp	1,200
GUS	2,100	TSB	11,000
Gen Acc	1,400	Tesco	3,800
Gen Elec	7,500	Thames W	330
Glaxo	1,700	Thrn EMI	853
Granada	4,100	Tomkins	2,600
Grand Met	4,500	Unilever	2,000
Guinness	5,100	Utd Bisc	1,200
HSBC	4,500	Vodafone	47,000
Hanson	4,500	Warburg	1,200
ICI	1,700	Wellcome	20,000
Inchcape	1,700	Whitbread	93
Kingfisher	5,300	Wllms Hld	3,400
Ladbroke	4,400	Wolseley	324
Land Secs	1,600	Zeneca	5,600

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

About Dewe for retirement

RODDY DEWE, by now doyen of City public relations folk and claiming unconvincingly to be in his sixtieth year, is sort of retiring. Dewe, who set up Dewe Rogerson with Nico Rogerson 25 years ago, and most famously cornered the privatisation business, is stepping down as chairman of the London operation, but is staying on as non-executive boss of the holding company, where Rogerson remains chief executive, spearheading expansion in the East. In London, Tony Carlisle steps up from chief executive to be, supposedly, non-executive chairman and Cary Martin, presently deputy, becomes chief executive. "It's not quite like Saatchi is it" concedes Dewe, forever glad he never took the company public. Rhodesia-reared Dewe claims his business lifestyle will not change much, though he has recently bought a house at Port Shepstone, 30 miles south of Durban, a mere 5,190 miles from London. Meanwhile, David Simpson, DR's earthy favourite takeover groupie, is off to be chief executive of smaller rival Ludgate Communications. The humble Simpson was embarrassed enough to opt out of a lunch with Dewe yesterday, electing for a sandwich.

Nott's landing

OLD soldiers, and especially Gurkhas, never die. They go on to form a Chamber of Commerce. Colonel Jimmy Evans tonight launches a Britain-Nepal Chamber of Commerce at the Royal Nepalese embassy in London. Sir John Nott, the former minister and Gurkha officer, whom the retired colonel first met in the jungle, and who is currently chairman of Hillsdown Holdings, will be the new chamber's president. Their object is to strengthen two-way trade between our two countries.

TOP EXECS GRILLED ON PAY

"They certainly work for their money

Howard's way

KENNETH CLARKE'S idea of using private finance to refurbish the Treasury's Whitehall headquarters has drawn a response from Howard Davies, the CBI leader. Davies — a former Treasury civil servant — welcomed the Chancellor's suggestion either to lease back or sell off the Grade II-listed building after somebody had put up £200 million for repairs. The only flaw Davies could find in the Chancellor's suggestion was that at the end of the process, the Treasury would continue to exist. "That is surely a missed opportunity", Davies said.

Spencer Maizels

THE death on Sunday from cancer, at the age of 43, of Spencer Maizels is sadly recorded. Spencer, a Cambridge and Harvard man, began corporate life at Hambros Bank in 1973. In 1982 he was one of seven founding members of Enskilda Securities, and in 1992 with five partners he founded Maizels, Westerberg — the investment banking firm specialising in Scandinavia, where he was chairman and chief executive.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Become a company director? It doesn't pay any more

Directors see the prospect of pay regulation as just one more restriction says **Philip Bassett**

Cedric Brown's grilling by the Commons Employment Select Committee yesterday will have had Britain's 300,000 company directors, most of them very far removed from the exalted level of the chief executive of British Gas, thinking a single thought: there but for the grace of God — or a 75 per cent pay rise — go I.

Mr Brown's appearance was the highpoint of a day in which public concern about directors' pay rises reached convulsive levels: John Major slugged out the politics of it with Tony Blair, echoing similar rows hours earlier between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Gordon Brown, his shadow. The Institute of Directors also launched its guidelines on executive pay practices as the CBI readied itself to announce today the final members of its new corporate pay committee, set up under Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks and Spencer.

The Greenbury committee is likely to mirror some of the IoD's attempt at self-regulation when it reports, probably in about six months. But with a growing trend towards regulation of some sort, however loose and voluntary, business leaders are concerned that even further restrictions on what directors can do will cause many of them to question whether it is now worth being a director in Britain; questioning that could in turn have a damaging effect on Britain's still-struggling economic recovery.

Greg Hutchings, executive chairman of Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, puts it most forcibly about the regulation of directors implicit in the Greenbury committee: "I don't see that this is any of the CBI's business."

Tim Melville-Ross, the IoD's Director-General, who will serve on the Greenbury committee, acknowledged yesterday under questioning by *The Times* that the public standing of directors has been "damaged" by the row over their remuneration, and that the IoD's new guidance and Greenbury were part of business's answer to that.

Effectively stoked by Labour leaders, most public hostility has concentrated on the high pay levels and big pay rises for directors of the privatised utilities — British Gas, BT and the water and electricity companies. Business leaders argue that most directors' pay levels and rises are nothing like those seen in such companies, and that the majority suffers because of a minority. As Mr Melville-Ross says: "There is an effect on the many from what the few are doing."

Such arguments are closely reminiscent of the case made by trade union leaders at the start of the 1980s against the Government's legislative reform of the unions, arguing that union excesses stemmed from the actions of a small number of militants, rather than the moderate majority. But reform was nonetheless applied to all, as it is likely to be over directors' pay.

But the public rumblings from Mr Hutchings and others mask considerable private discontent among directors that political and media focus on pay packages is not only damaging to entrepreneurialism, and therefore to economic growth and performance, but is just an additional restriction to the many that already affect them. With all this, they argue, who would be a director now? The IoD calculates that 750 different statutes directly affect the daily lives of company directors in the UK. Business leaders recognise that a new attempt at salary self-regulation, unless carefully handled, could see Britain moving towards the position in America, where senior managers are increasingly reluctant to move on to company boards because of operational and legal restrictions on them.

Mr Melville-Ross says: "There are many, many risks involved in being a director and that should be recognised when directors' pay is under consideration." Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, acknowledges it is significant that the argument over top pay is concentrated on Plc directors, rather than solicitors, or accountants, or even newspaper editors, but says: "The answer to that is that directors are in a particular fiduciary position in relation to shareholders' funds — that's what people have to accept."

Greg Hutchings has criticised the CBI over the prospect of regulation

Shareholders themselves are concerned that the voice of the small investor will have little if any impact on this argument. Gill Nott, chief executive of ProShare, which represents the individuals who hold 18 per cent of the UK's shares, says: "My concern is that a debate on directors' pay carried on just between directors simply lacks credibility." Some directors are nettled that their pay is a good deal less than that of some of the advisers, such as lawyers or management consultants, with whom they have to deal.

The Chancellor weighed in on this point yesterday, insisting that the pay of corporate executives like Mr Brown of British Gas was no higher than that of some top doctors — though government figures suggest that the average pay of a doctor is about £32,000, a touch less than Mr Brown's £475,000. Others dismiss this as mere special pleading — that directors are getting nervous because one or two executives have gone too far, and as a result are placing under threat what many people see as pleasant and often relatively undemanding work, involving popping into a few meetings, eating a few agreeable lunches and picking up a few thousand pounds for doing so.

But change may be on the way. Alec D'Janoeff, a corporate finance partner at Coopers & Lybrand, says non-executive directors in particular are in for a rougher ride: "In the old days, being a non-executive director of a company was a very cushy sinecure for some people, where they picked up some fees for not doing very much. They were not liable. In general, it was a nice, easy, cushy job. Being a non-executive director today is a completely different ball-game. The responsibilities are now quite great. It is your business to know what is going on in the company. You can be made liable for having been negligent as a director." Clive Boxer, of Davies Arnold Cooper, the City law firm, says the UK may see a surge in US-style legal actions against directors. Shareholders in America are able to sue for damages when directors appear to have failed in their fiduciary responsibilities.

Market forces, to which most company directors are wholly wedded, would suggest that if directors object to self-regulatory proposals such as the IoD's or those likely to come from the Greenbury committee, they will simply stop doing the work.

Uneasy directors may also be protesting too much about the invidiousness of suggestions of greater transparency in salaries, bonuses and shareholdings which, to its credit, the IoD proposed yesterday. To pick up a trade union parallel again, such protests were not heard from directors when the Government in 1993 required trade union officials to declare not just their salaries but their work expenses too.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Major accused Mr Blair of "grievance politics" over directors' pay, and it is clear that the issue has now built up into one of considerable political and corporate sensitivity. The Prime Minister's declared concern over Mr Brown's pay rise led ministers to start considering extensive revisions to company law, before Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, in an unusual alliance called a halt to it, and suggested it be outhoused via the CBI, which led to the formation of the Greenbury committee.

This will formally get under way the week after next, though key CBI leaders including Mr Davies, Sir Bryan Nicholson, the current president, and past president Sir Michael Angus held private talks with Sir Richard on Monday evening to get the work started.

Such high-level corporate firepower indicates the level of concern. Greenbury, like the Cadbury committee on corporate governance before it, is likely to make a profound difference to the way companies are run by distilling and channeling public opinion to force change. In doing so, company directors may well wonder whether the game is now worth the candle; but it is looking increasingly unlikely that they will be able to avoid radical change in the way their pay is set.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Lady Thatcher as a Liberal Democrat

The lady is not much with us any more; but her handbag lingers on. Mrs T handled the national accounts like a petty cash book — sound arithmetic, but rotten economics; and the habit is still with us. Her successor still treats asset sales as a source of current revenue (even when, as seems to be the case with the railways, the sale has to be sweetened with promises of future subsidies that may cost more than the sale brings in). But nobody makes much fuss; and now even her opponents are falling for it. The Liberal Democrat attempt to chill our blood with their costing of Labour's supposed commitments lumps together current spending and asset purchases in the same column. Logically, this is Thatcherism turned upside down; but Labour has not yet made the point, and indeed it is not at all clear that they understand it. It is time to clear matters up.

When privatisation first appeared in the public accounts, it was treated as negative spending — a painless cut. Harold MacMillan was never fooled, and spoke of selling the family silver. Nor was the Treasury. The White Papers on public spending carried embarrassing footnotes, pointing out that these were not actual economies. Sales did reduce the PSBR (the petty cash number), but did not affect the more significant Public Sector Financial Deficit, the true measure of budget balance. The PSFD has now itself vanished into the footnotes, but Treasury analysis will out; the budget Red Books still insist on charting the public finances with and without privatisation proceeds.

What Mrs T, a populist of genius, knew was that voters did not understand the concept of a balance-sheet. They were and are largely happy with the cash-in, cash-out approach. But any analyst knows that when UK PLC decides to sell some assets, this is a balance-sheet transaction. If the proceeds are used to cut borrowing, UK PLC is de-gearing; if they are handed out to taxpayers, it is distributing capital.

Will de-gearing improve future cash flow? Yes, if and only if the saving of bond service is greater than the trading income which has been lost. This sum unfortunately involves much question-begging analysis. Should the debt service saving be based on conventional or indexed bonds? (Indexed look like the right counterpart to real assets, but could so many have been sold?) How much would the industries have earned if they had remained under political management? And how much of the surely higher profits that they have generated has been collected in tax? And how much spent on benefit for former employees who might still be in jobs? What looks like simple arithmetic will produce answers according to prejudice.

The one thing that is clear (though not to the Lib. Dems) is that where capital was distributed rather than used to cut borrowing, privatisation leaves a hole in public revenue (lost trading income) which has had to be filled with higher taxes. This is one explanation of the rising total tax burden since 1979; the total is again hard to calculate, but there is no doubt about the signs. Privatise now, pay later. Yet it is not only the Lib. Dems who talk as though any renationalisation would raise the tax burden. I been unable to discover any clear Labour statement of the facts; John Prescott, for one, seemed to fall for the handbag error when he talked of renationalisation as a rival priority to, say, better pensions.

So does this column favour more state ownership? Not a bit of it. The true argument for privatisation is that political management is often bad management, evading nasty decisions about efficiency and pricing. It may still, as in natural monopolies, be less bad than the alternatives. The phony argument is that the country cannot afford adequate investment in profitable state-owned industries — a "burden" which miraculously vanishes when the equity changes hands. This is just bad Treasury practice, which needs reform. These questions need airing; but not handbag economics.

Patricia Tehan on a possible share dealing rule change

Long faces for short-selling disclosure

The Stock Exchange will meet resistance from its members and institutional investors to proposals that would require firms to distinguish between the short selling of securities and ordinary sales from inventory.

Keith Robinson, secretary to the Stock Exchange board, wrote to member firms last week to outline co-ordinated action by City regulators to curb short selling before a secondary share offer.

The move, which includes a new rule that will entail the settling of "large" share sales during a secondary offer in five days instead of the current ten, is aimed at discouraging investors from dumping stock ahead of the issue. The exchange will today specify what constitutes a "large" sale.

But Mr Robinson's letter indicated that the exchange is also considering the desirability of introducing a new rule that would require members to distinguish between a short sale and and ordinary sale when reporting trades.

Short selling is when investors sell shares that they do not own in the hope of buying them back more cheaply. In general, it is not a technique used by UK financial institutions and pension funds; but is used by market makers to increase liquidity in the market and by overseas speculative investors and hedge funds. The most controversial example of short selling was during the Wellcome offer in 1992 when the price of the stock was driven down ahead of the share offer, though the Stock Exchange was unable to prove market manipulation.

The exchange has already ruled out more extreme forms of regulating short selling such as banning the covering of a short position with shares bought in a secondary share sale or cash settlement during a secondary offer. It has said it recognises that short selling is a legitimate investment strategy and it has not yet decided if such a rule will be introduced.

If it goes ahead, firms could be required to include such details when they report trades, three minutes after they have taken place, or at the end of the day when they report the settlement.

Market makers are against the move. "It is an emotive issue," said one head of market making. "Clients are not going to want to disclose their strategies or plans." They say disclosure would have a detrimental effect on liquidity.

Even if such information were to remain confidential and be used only to help the Stock Exchange to spot manipulation, they say it is impossible to know when clients are selling short and when they are selling from inventory. They could ask them, but could not guarantee they were telling the truth.

Brian Winterflood, managing director of Winterflood Securities, the market maker, said he could see a case for disclosure to the regulatory authorities "so that everything is above board. What I could never condone is general disclosure to the world at large". This could damage market liquidity, he said. He would not be against disclosure in secondary offerings, "but not across the board". Mr Winterflood added that the exchange would have to be very careful about how it worded the any new rule.

Short supply: when market-makers sell stocks they do not own it improves liquidity

One market maker said anyone determined to hide their short selling activities would be able to do so, despite the new rule, through derivatives, matched bargains and contracts for exchange.

David Manning, director of UK equities at Legal & General, said his firm does not go short, so the new rule would have no impact on its investment strategy. Public disclosure could be beneficial, he said, as "we are always in favour of more information. The greater the transparency, the better a market is".

One compliance officer for an investment bank said the move could be linked to the Securities and Investments Board investigation into whether to allow institutions to borrow stock. At present only market makers are able to borrow stock, something they need to for market liquidity.

Only 10 per cent of the 100 UK pension funds and life insurance funds are believed to lend equities. There is even less interest in stock borrowing.

If the Stock Exchange decides to go ahead, its new rule would be introduced next year to coincide with the final stage of the new Sequence electronic trading and information services programme.

Mr Robinson said if new rule came in at the same time it would avoid firms having to make two systems changes.

At the end of the day most firms recognise that there is nothing sinister about the Stock Exchange's motives for wanting more disclosure. Their activities could be limited, and life could become more complicated. But the exchange argues that it is trying to further London's reputation as a safe place to do business.

The information it gathers will help it to understand what kind of selling activities are having an effect on the London market.

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INTERIM STATEMENT

Results for the half year ended 30 September 1994 – unaudited.

	6 months to 30.9.94 £'000	6 months to 30.9.93 £'000
Net Rental Income	9,938	8,362
Surplus on Sale of Trading Properties	4,496	4,093
Other Income	(20)	(32)
	14,414	12,423
Administration & Other Expenses	(2,229)	(2,353)
Operating Profit from Continuing Operations	12,185	10,070
Surplus on Sale of Investment Properties	766	482
Net Interest Payable	(1,833)	(2,160)
Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	11,118	8,392
Less: Taxation	(3,600)	(2,700)
Minority Interests	(13)	(13)
Profit attributable to shareholders	£7,505	£5,679
Earnings Per Share	46.0p	34.9p

The results for the half year ended 30 September 1993 and 30 September 1994 have been prepared under FRS3.

An Interim Dividend of 12p per share (1994 - 12p) will be paid on 16 March 1995 to shareholders registered on 16 February 1995. This dividend will absorb £1,955,000 (1994 - £1,955,000)

The level of residential unit sales experienced in the first half year is unlikely to be sustained during the remainder of the period and, therefore, profits on ordinary activities before taxation for the full year are anticipated to be of a similar order to the previous year's level.

The financial information included in this document does not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The statutory accounts for the year to 31 March 1994, on which the auditors have given an unqualified opinion, have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The interim financial information is unaudited.

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Equities enjoy a modest rally

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on *the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend.* Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Natl	421	..	4.6	14.2
314	233	Allied Irish	255	-5	4.9	9.8
278¾	171	Aus New Z	193	-3	6.1	
3300	2462½	Bank America	2650	-50		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	198	-5	3.5	11.2
640	487	Barclays	566	+2	3.7	13.8
319	246	Bk of Ireland	294	-6	4.9	8.5
2912¼	2262½	Citicorp	2506¼	-56¼		
285½	203	Close Bros	220		4.3	9.9
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£130½	-4¾	6.3	
1296¾	1015¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1078¾		0.5	
£341¾	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£287¾	-9¾	2.4	
1515¼	747½	Espirito Santo	753¾	...	3.0	3.8
90	57	First Nat Fin	66	+½	3.8	
1519¼	1152¼	Fuji Bank Y	1306¼	-24½	0.4	
271	209	Hambros	242	-1	7.7	14.9
1113	569	HSBC	603	+14	5.1	8.7
1123	576	HSBC HK	591	+15	6.2	8.6
443	393	Joseph (L)	393		5.6	11.4
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	588	+15	4.1	10.4
660	519	Lloyds	546	-5	5.2	10.8
620¾	472	Nat Aust Bk	509	-5	7.0	
622	421	Nat West	473	+15	5.1	9.2
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150		6.9	
79	53	Rea Bros	66		1.8	18.5
529	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	379	-1	4.5	9.2
1574	1050	Schroders	1393	-2	1.7	12.6
1458	1042	Schroders N/V	1250	-5	1.8	11.4
114	75	Singer & Fried	95		4.6	10.9
399¾	223	Stand Chart	256	-6	3.1	9.8
251	197	TSB	232	+8½	5.0	
1012	569	Warburg SG	748	+12	3.7	13.7
£105	8612¾	Wells Fargo	9112¾	+50	3.2	
260	194	Wescorp	215¼	+2¾	2.5	
290	203	Wintrust	215		6.0	14.4

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	155			
619	495	Bass	518	-4	5.1	13.1
290	248	Boddington	250	+1	4.2	13.5
186	168	Burtonwood Brw	173		3.7	14.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	157		3.3	
65	46¾	Fosters Brewing	55		5.3	
415	342	Fuller Sm 'A'	352		2.8	14.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	424	+6	3.9	21.0
594	452	Greene King	520	+1	3.2	14.1
367	239	Hardy Hanson	259		4.5	
170	135	Heavitree	150	..	3.4	13.5
3775	3125	Holt J	3430		1.8	19.8
247	195	Mansfield	247	+5	2.4	15.1
314	256	Marston Thmp	298	+1	2.6	14.5
545	440	Morland	460		2.9	13.8
10¼	6½	Paramount	6¾	-¼	3.7	
329	209	Regent Inns	322		2.1	34.2
1665¼	1000	SA Breweries	1337½		2.2	21.0
591	477	Scot & Newt	504	+4	4.3	14.4
306	215	Vaux Group	226	+1	5.4	12.8
491	334½	Wetherspoon JD	467	-2	1.8	25.7
617	494	Whitbread	550	-1	4.4	15.0
583	493	Wolverhmptn D	504	-1	3.4	13.3
206	148	Yates Bros	136		2.4	15.4
535	460	Young 'A'	460	-3	4.1	19.5

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	101	ABI Leis	101	..	5.0	11.6
317	248	Acatt	309		2.8	16.7
595	353	Adam & Harvey	595		3.3	7.5
31	21	Alexanders	21		3.0	19.5
175	111	Appleyard	111		6.5	19.6
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4¾	..	1.3	33.9
578	436	BSS Group	523	+3	4.4	18.4
25¾	17	Brunning Power	22½	-1	5.6	
405	249	Bletchley Mot	253		5.2	10.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	11.8
370	288	Brammer	347	-2	4.7	19.3
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15	..	1.7	78.0
99	78	Brit Fittings	93		3.0	
71	40	Brown & Tawse	46	...		
57	35	Burndene	38		6.3	
465	245	Caffyns	269		5.4	44.0
59	20½	Cassell Pict	31½		6.4	11.9
130	78	Central Mtr	79		4.5	
51	32½	Cook (DC)	41	+1	3.5	12.6
342¾	197½	Cowie A	229		5.0	11.4
192¾	127	Dag Motors	138		5.9	15.9
663	446	Dearmans Et	593		1.4	13.7
628	414½	Diploma	445		3.8	15.6
589	443	Electrocomponents	487		2.6	20.0
175	133	Electron House	166		2.7	13.9
283	225	Ellis & Everard	255		3.8	16.3
234	201	Eurodollar	201		5.3	15.7
173	106	European Mo	110		5.1	12.0
539¾	385	Evans Halshaw	385		4.6	12.1
656	490½	Farnell Elect	537		1.9	22.0
78	50	File Indmar	55	...	6.2	8.1
34	15	Gardiner	15		6.2	7.1
46	19	Glenchewton	22			24.3
90	60	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
76	59	Haldin Hldgs	71			56.4
172	122	Harris (Phlip)	172	+3	5.0	15.1
342¾	263	Henlys	264		3.6	14.1
191	88	Holders Tech	94		8.0	10.2
138	107	ISA Intl	107		2.0	13.4
609	385	Inchcape	393	+6½	4.8	13.1
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	53			12.3
184	145	Kwik-Fit	156		3.2	17.9
573	291	Lex Service	309		5.4	11.8
282	182	Lookers	194	-1	5.0	
20	14	Malaya Grp	15		2.1	
9	3½	Middlesex H	6½			
440	279	Nortrain	401	+3	0.7	17.9
100	47	Northamber	91	-1	1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152		8.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	240	-2	3.9	15.8
238	139	Perry Gp	139	-2	6.7	7.6
218	126	Quicks Group	126		5.2	13.3
186	97	REA	165		4.5	34.1
5¾	2¾	Reece	2¾			
24	4	Ross Gp	5½		4.5	
42	32½	SEP Indl	39½		3.4	
44	31	TLS Range	42		3.0	16.9
265	215	Time Products	229	..	4.8	15.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168		3.9	12.4
335	240	Wholesale Ftgs	240		6.1	21.4
30¾	13½	Wills Gp	17	+½	3.7	9.5
74½	39½	Wilstow	70	+¼	1.2	23.6
69	40	Wyko	61	..	2.0	
96	61	Young (H)	77		5.8	

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	151		6.2	15.4
380	199½	Antofagasta	320	-3	1.4	25.9
62	47½	Armour	47½		4.7	9.9

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
20¾	11	Locker (T) A	11½	...	4.3	
49	31	ML Hogst	37	+1	4.5	11.1
67	25	MS Intl	25		7.5	15.1
179	129	Mang Bronze	150		3.3	11.7
539	378	McKechnie	388	+8	4.8	22.8
120	64½	Meggitt	64½	-12½	7.6	10.4
120	101	Metalrax	109		4.3	18.1
133	99	Metsec	131		2.9	18.2
589	488	Molins	494	+2	4.0	9.9
408	293	Morgan Cruc	300	-3	5.3	14.6
217	176	Morris Ashby	204		3.8	14.6
51	34	Neepsend	35		4.5	17.6
128	48	Neotronic	56	+6	3.8	
60	40	Newmark (L)	40			
59¾	39	OMB Intl	41		5.3	
358	277	Oxford Inst	321	+1	2.0	18.8
341	218	Powerscreen	251	...	3.7	10.6
23¾	13½	Prospect Indst	14½	...	7.3	7.4
108	60	Radiant Metal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	59	-1		
95	70	Record	80		5.6	18.0
281	243½	Renishaw	268	-1	3.0	22.6
192	126	Renold	191	...	2.0	26.5
73	51	Richard (Leics)	58		4.8	41.5
104½	76	Richardson West	78	-1	5.3	16.7
204	157½	Rolls-Royce	157½	-1½	4.0	27.8
195	156	Rotork	165		3.3	16.8
190	134	Rubicon	145		4.2	16.1
150½	72	Senior Eng	76		5.6	12.4
270	245	Servomex	256		3.1	28.4
630	500	Siebe	514	-3	2.8	16.5
130½	74	Simon Eng	75			
82	35	Six Hundred	87		2.3	38.0
1459¾	1031½	SKF 'B'	1112½	-18¾		
527¾	411	Smiths Ind	450½	-6½	3.6	17.3
465	337	Spirax-Sarco	442		2.8	18.8
267	197	Sterling Inst	232		3.8	15.0
455	334	TI	336		4.3	18.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	98	-1	7.2	13.3
105	45	Transfer Tech	56	-1	7.5	7.9
163	125	Triplex Lloyd	129	+1	6.8	
18½	12	Utd Inds	15		0.8	
1548	980	VSEL	1475		3.0	13.8
31½	11½	Verson	11½			
204	162	Vickers	175	+3	2.5	18.5
327	230	Victaulic	254		4.0	14.0
19	9½	Villiers Grp	9½			
531	451	Vinten	529	-1	1.9	13.8
805	661	Vosper Thorny	737		3.2	16.0
527	445	Wagon Indl	448		5.1	22.8
354¼	244	Weir	246		3.4	14.7
45¼	36	Wellman	36½		3.4	59.6
548	365	Wickman	427	+1	3.1	15.7
264	90	Whessoe	126		2.3	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	35			
160	108	Airflow Stream	159		3.1	15.6
639	452	Avon Rubber	452		4.6	
336	173	BBA	192		2.9	
86¾	54	BSG	57		7.0	35.6
18½	8½	Benson Group	12	-½	3.4	16.5
306	180	Bocarom	298	-2	3.5	17.0
28½	17	Boustead	22		5.8	
22	11½	Coverdale	11½	-½	1.7	11.4
350	275	ERF	350		1.4	
392	296	First Tech	391	+2	1.7	22.6
660	510½	GKN	555	+6	4.6	32.5
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2487½		2.0	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1002½	-2¾	0.4	
432¾	313	Laird	316	+3	4.3	15.3

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
219	172	Bankers	174	+1½	2.6	
75¾	38½	Baring Em Eu	38½		0.3	
381	308	Baring Tribne	308	...	2.7	
248	198	Berry Starq	222		1.2	
91½	85	Br Assets	87	+½	6.2	
98	85	Br Empire Sec	85½	+½	1.4	
46	25	Br Empire Wts	25			
234	188	Br Inv	197		3.1	
105¾	83½	Brazilian	90¼	-¼	0.3	
272	219	Brunner	219	...	3.2	
161	117	BZW Convt	128	+½	7.6	
363	310	Candover	320	+2	4.4	
65	44½	Central Euro Grth	44½	-½		
271	145	China & Eastern	145		3.0	
223	180	Coal Asset	183	+1½	2.0	
95	76	Danae Inv Inc	76	...	13.1	
328	268	Derby Cap	293			
173	147	Derby Inc	162		13.9	
100	58	Drayton Blue	58		18.1	
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	86		1.1	
156	122	Drytn Far East	123	+1	0.7	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	633	+9	5.2	
108	80	Dunedin Japan	81½	+1		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	299	+3	3.8	
80	29	Dunedin Wts	29			
827	708	Dunedin Wwide	710		1.7	
122	83	Edin Dragon	83			
53½	33½	Edinburgh Inca	34	+½	0.2	
360	281	Edinburgh	290	+2	3.8	
179	136	EFM Japan	137	+1		
354	286	Electra Invt	309	+1	2.9	
230	153	Electric Genl	184½	+1½	2.2	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181		2.8	
127	106	English Scot	108½			
345	273	European Asset	277	+2	2.1	
174	145	Fidlty Euro Val	153		0.2	
103½	70	Fidlty Jap Val	73	+3		
172	148	Finsbury 'A'	154		2.4	
86	65½	First Spanish	66	+½	0.5	
343	267	Fleming Amer	268	+1	0.5	
145	51½	Fleming Chinese	55½	+3	1.1	
92	32	Fleming Ch Wts	35¼	+3¼		
267	196	Fleming Claver	200	+1	3.5	
385	293	Fleming Contl	296	+2	0.9	
210½	136½	Fleming Em Mkts	137	+½		
264	190	Fleming Enterp	201	+1	3.0	
459	278½	Fleming F East	281	+2	0.7	
422	346	Fleming Fledg	346		1.1	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	91		6.1	
109	68	Fleming Indiant	68	-1	1.7	
64	33	Fleming In Wts	34	+1		
52½	33½	Fleming Inst	34		13.1	
284	230	Fleming Japan	225	+5		
347	262	Fleming Merc	264	+1½	3.2	
94	89	Fleming Nat Res	89			
347½	275	Fleming Overs	275		1.9	
156½	124	Foreign & Col	127	+1½	1.8	
106	93	For & Col Inc Gwth	97		1.8	
148	98	Frgn Emrg Mkts	103	+3½		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	68½	+¾	1.1	
361	206	Frgn Eurotst	208	+2	0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	118	+1	0.5	
374	277	Frgn Pacific	282	+4	1.1	
144	116	Frgn PEP	122		3.6	
192	157	Frgn Smaller	157½	+½	1.6	
120	90	Frgn US Smlr	91	+1		
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	22½			
54	45	Fulcrum Inc	45		24.1	
144½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	144			
213	188	Gartmore Brit	190		4.8	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	130		0.9	
130	85	Gartmore Smal	85		14.5	
247	201	G'more Scot Cos	219		3.4	
128	92	Geared Inc Inv	98		10.6	
200	140	Genl Cons Cap	140			
115½	104	Genl Inc	104		10.5	

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
395	296	Murray Intl	298½	+1½	5.3	...
164½	153	Murray S/C DP	163	..	..	
174	128	Murray S/C Cap	130	+1		
97	78	Murray S/C Inc	79	+½	16.8	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3000	..	4.4	
548	392	Murray Small	392		1.4	
363	302½	Murray Vent	315		4.8	
58	25	Murray Ent Wts	26			
33½	15	Murray Eu Wts	15			
58	15	Newmarton	16			
95	55	Nettwng Inc	55		9.8	
104	61	Nettwng Cap	62	+1		
404	322	O'seas Inv Tst	322		1.3	
241	179	O'seas Wts	185	+1		
640½	362	Pacific Assets	365	+3	0.4	
542	268	Pacific Wts	272	+4		
120	83	Perpetual Jap	84	+1		
9400	7800	Personal Assets	8700		2.8	
153	121	Pilot Inv	121		1.6	
96	84	Piper Euro Sm	85	+1		
93	68	Profile Inc	69¾			
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	168		1.1	
38	26½	River Merc Am Cap	27			
121	100	River Merc Am Inc	100		9.8	
17	9	River Merc Am Wts	9½			
150	114	River Merc Cap	119			
147	85	River Merc Ex Inc	91		11.0	
45	13	River Merc Ex IncWt	13			
116	82	River Merc Grd Inc	82		11.5	
35	23	River Merc Grd Ptl	28			
127	109	River Merc Tst Inc	109		10.6	
40	21	River Merc Wt	22			
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	122		4.2	
77	24	River Merc Sm Wt	24			
449	405	Robeco	407		3.1	
483	415	Rolinco	416		1.9	
99	73½	Schrod Jap Gwth	76	+2¾		
52	26	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	29	+2½		
1112¾	761¾	Schrod Korea Fd	767½	-¾	0.2	
650¾	375¾	Sch Korea Fd Wt	375¾	-¼		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	111¾	+¼		
37	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	29½			
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inc	113		8.2	
98	86	Schrod UK Gwth	92		2.0	
42	30	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	31			
262½	200	Scott	201½	+1½	3.2	
183	148	Scot American	149	+½	4.0	
388	217	Scot Asian	217			
1070	580	Scot Wts	585			
97½	75	Scot Eastern	76½	+1	2.8	
254½	205	Scot Mtge	208	+1	2.5	
106½	90	Scot Nat Tst	90	...	10.6	
133½	102	Scot Value	102		2.5	
1795	1475	Second Alliance	1482	+7	3.5	
106	76	Secs Tst of Scot	78	+1	5.2	
179	134	Selective Asset	135	+½	1.5	
161	128	SHIRESCOT	130		5.2	
51½	33½	Sphere Inv	35		14.5	
343	280	St Andrew Inv	294		3.4	
412	310	Temple Bar	332	+4	5.1	
135	90	Thrntn Asian E	92	+½	0.7	
568	460	Throg Dual Co	463	+3		
101	69	Throgmorton	70½	+½	4.1	
164½	99½	Tmple Emg Mkt	100	+½	0.9	
150½	133½	TR City Of Lon	142½	+2¾	4.6	
205	127	TR Far East	131	+3	5.5	
124½	80	TR Pacific	83	+2	0.3	
43½	28	TR Property	28½		4.0	
228	176	TR Smlr Cos	177	+1	2.7	
152	100	TR Tech Inv	100		2.2	
405	185	Tersey Trust	185		1.4	
268	222	USDC Invest	222		2.5	
139	108½	Value Inc Tst	110		4.8	
109	61	Wigmore	63		1.9	
257½	205	Witan	219½	+2¾	3.3	
113	95	Yeoman Inc	95		18.0	

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
189	117½	CIA Gp	130	...	1.7	21.0
28½	23	Caledonian Max	23½	-½	0.5	..
439	325½	Capital Radio	376	+1	2.4	23.4
1047	797	Carlton Comm	856	..	3.1	16.3
99	76	City of Lon	88	...	6.2	13.4
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1356¼	...	1.5	23.0
1484¾	868¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1306¼	.	2.1	17.0
329	260	Dorling Kind	320	..	1.3	34.3
459	365	EMAP	398	+2	2.8	22.0

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
757	620	Caledonia	642	...	3.2	17.5
2850	1900	Camellia	2150	...	1.9	5.7
22¾	18¾	Carlisle	18½		1.7	
630¾	440	Cater Allen	440	-1	8.0	9.1
174¾	125	Cattles	149		4.4	16.7
85	33	Christie	33			72.9
16	12	EFG	13½	-½	0.9	8.8
71½	45½	EFT Group	67		3.5	13.3
740	513	EFM	715	-2	4.2	21.5
212	158	Exco	169	+1	6.3	4.6
229	157	Gartmore	179½	...	2.8	20.7
515	395	Gerrard Nat	475	-1	6.3	13.7
465	339	Govett	387	+1	5.0	6.1
1308	845	Henderson Ad	1068	+14	5.3	14.8
261½	151	Invesco	169	-1	2.8	27.7
50	37	Investment Co	44		5.0	14.1
259	185	Ivory Sime	215	-3	4.4	18.7
317	193½	Jardine Strat	200½	-6½	4.1	8.1
428	103	Johnson Fry	125	-4	1.5	4.0
170	98	King Shaxson	98	-1	11.5	9.7
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	145	...	8.0	9.1
124	95	Lon Scot Bk	123		4.3	
1243	794	M & G	989	+5	3.9	17.0
323	218	MAI	243		4.0	13.2
117½	85¼	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	93¼	+1		
702	538	MAM	709	+12	3.7	17.9
25¼	8½	Nat Home Loan	12¼			
1268	970	Perpetual	1230	+2	3.6	13.3
573	415	Provident	523	-5	4.2	16.6
365	245	Rathbone Brs	249	+1	4.8	12.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	25		4.5	12.7
389	281½	S & U	295	+1	4.6	9.6
425	163	Sharelink	180		6.7	6.3
188	108	SIP Capital	118		3.2	8.4
495	324	Smith New Crt	432	+1	2.9	5.0
604	305¼	Smre Pacfc 'A'	316¼	+11	2.9	
324	76	Tawry Law	77	...	7.3	6.6
65	23	Tdo Hldgs	24		0.5	10.9
199	87	Union	89		6.3	8.2
31	20	Western Selection	34		1.9	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
815	311¼	Brit Biotech	533	...	..	...
498	328	Cantab Pharms	330			
243	191	Celltech	236	+2		...
151	88	Colmoscience	112	...		
47	38	Cortecs	38	...		
157	103	Fisons	108		3.1	
725	527	Glaxo	608	+8	5.6	14.7
185	95½	Grampian Hldg	107		8.4	19.8
187	120	Medeva	173	-1	2.1	13.8
3	1¼	Premier Health	1½	...		
330	227	Quality Care	250		2.2	
326	242	Scotia	326	+1		
83	44	Shield Diag	55			
476	357½	SmithKline	455	-11	3.4	17.7
446	322	SmithKline Uts	424	-7	3.8	16.5
978	498	Wellcome	955	-8	2.3	21.7
934	672	Zeneca	888	-30	3.9	17.8

PRINTING & PAPER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	126		5.5	11.9
444	335	APH	389		2.9	
316	225	Arjo Wiggins	237	+2	3.8	34.2
205	145	Aspen Comm	166		3.8	18.9
472	347	Bemrose	381		4.1	13.6
171	97	Blagden	110		1.7	51.4

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
11¼	7½	EPA Gp	9			
284	135	Essex Furn	137	-2	3.9	
326	200	Etam	203	+3	4.7	11.2
558	345	Fine Art Devt	345	..	5.3	10.7
68	46	Fired Earth	63			
106	71	Flying Flowers	83		1.5	16.0
278	124	French Conn	272	+2	...	11.5
264	205	Frost Group	216	-1	3.1	21.9
66	49	Gieves	55		3.5	20.0
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	131		1.9	21.5
653	493	GUS	519	-5½	3.2	14.8
195	164	Hamleys	190	-1	3.1	18.3
36	21	Hampden Grp	33		3.8	
227	163	Hse of Fraser	183		3.8	14.7
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	82		2.5	13.5
778	389½	Kingfisher	389½	-3½	4.8	10.2
276	100	Kleeneze	102		1.7	
435	262	Liberty	265	-23	2.3	
380	277	Lloyds Chem	298	-1	4.0	9.7
184	117	MFI	127	+4	4.1	15.9
459¾	368¾	Marks Spencer	379	+2½	3.1	16.8
680	495	Menzies (John)	514	+2	3.0	12.0
377	238	Moss Bros	351		3.0	13.9
275	214	Next	260	+2	3.2	16.0
59	20	OEM	33	-2	...	...
97	39	Oliver (G)	55	+1		29.4
113	73	Partridge Fine	88		4.1	11.9
37	10	Peters	12	-½		
368	150	QS Hldgs	151	...	4.3	16.5
62	14	Rano Grp	14		4.5	19.3
209	130	Rosebys	130		4.6	15.2
132	93	Sears	99½		4.7	16.9
46	16½	Signet Group	19¾	-½	..	6.7
549	428	Smith WH	437	+3	4.4	22.5
1280	688	Sothebys	723	-5	3.9	31.2
252	199	Storehouse	223	...	3.2	18.3
206	151¼	Stylo	204		1.6	13.8
198	146	T & S Stores	159		4.9	11.3
173	114	Tie Rack	114		1.9	13.5
63¾	3½	Upton & South	3¼			
539	384	Vendome	457	+1	2.2	35.1
70	28	WEW Group	32		2.7	27.3
93½	52	Wid of Leather	67	...	1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	156		3.7	16.5

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	514	Allied Domecq	515	+1	6.5	13.9
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	393		3.5	21.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	119		3.3	25.9
506	355½	Grand Met	355½	-½	4.9	16.7
542	409½	Guinness	475	+5½	3.9	13.7
457	353	Highland Dist	411		2.2	18.8
222	127	Macallan-Glen	214		0.7	58.1
710	365	Macdo Mtn 'A'	698		1.8	29.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	541	-1	4.3	24.8
250	61	Merydown W	71		4.4	..
190	142	Taunton Cider	148		5.8	11.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	92	ACT Group	93	-½	7.1	9.8
743	583	ADT	655	..		
46	34	Alphameric	40			30.5
140	59	Auto Sec	70	-1		9.1
162	99	BET Ord	104½	-1½	4.1	14.9
195	115	BNB Res	174	-1	3.6	20.3
255	175	BPP	236		4.7	16.8
186	130	BSM	148		5.4	12.8
2¾	¼	Black & Edg	2¼		...	...
1100	500	Borland	525			
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	185	...	3.6	13.0

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200	100	Bristol Scotts	183	.	2.0	...
7¼	1¾	Buckingham Intl	2¼	..		
256	114	Chrysalis	256		1.6	37.8
94	74	City Centre Rest	78	..	2.9	15.8
374	305	Compass Gp	324	-1	2.8	16.6
290	232	Eurocamp	255		5.3	15.3
213	78	Euro Disney	124	+5	..	..
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½			
456	306	Fairline Boats	446		4.4	20.2
131	81	First Choice	121	+1	4.1	
350	245	First Leisure	284	..	3.1	17.7
285	209½	Forte	231	+1	4.1	27.3
307	162	Friendly Hotels	162	..	4.4	27.1

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1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
73	43	GR Hldgs	56		2.5	
598	475	Granada	484	-1	2.6	14.4
56	33	Hi-Tec Sports	36		9.7	5.3
235	118	Hornby	119		5.5	10.4
172¾	142½	Jurys Hotel	150½		4.3	14.4
18¾	11¾	Kunick	16¾	+¼	3.9	
299	200	London Clubs	278	+1	5.4	14.2
217½	145	Ladbroke	155	+1	2.6	29.7
104	51	Maxpoint	61		0.2	
140¾	107½	Mat Uts	131		4.0	21
109¾	54½	Mancarn Orntl	71½	+¼	4.4	19.1
15	11½	My Kinda Town	12½			

MEDIA

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
385	270	Abbott Mead	339		2.2	30.7
355	198	Adscene	305		2.7	21.8
33	17½	Aegis Gp	27	-½	..	
11¾	5½	Allied Radio	7	..	..	..
26	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	184	+1	6.0	15.6
13½	5½	Birkdale	5½	..		
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	...	5.3	11.6
402	178	Blenheim Gp	168	-1	6.3	7.3
205	133	Bordy TV	200		2.7	17.5
413	353	Bristol	354	-2	4.4	36.0
299	245	B Sky B	252	-2½	...	47.5

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	77	.	6.8	6.3
130	95	Baltic Plc	127	.	2.0	8.0
185	75	Bevn Bch Nat	77	.	8.3	11.6
215	150	Bisteo Inv	152	..		
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	118	...	6.1	8.7

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Conv 9% 2000	8.90	8.72
Treas 8% 2000	8.25	8.65
Treas 13% 2000	11.04	8.85
Treas 10% 2001	9.50	8.66
Treas 7% 2001	7.69	8.78
Treas 9¾% 2002	9.31	8.89
Treas 8% 2003	8.40	8.80
Treas 10% 2003	9.38	8.88
Treas 11½% 2001-04	10.31	9.03
Fund 3½% 1999-04	4.78	7.47
Conv 9½% 2004	9.11	8.94
Treas 6¾% 2004	7.75	8.74
Treas 8½% 2005	8.64	8.72
Conv 9½% 2005	9.09	8.81
Treas 12½% 2003-05	10.38	8.88
Treas 7½% 2006	8.34	8.73
Treas 8% 2002-06	8.47	8.76
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	10.23	9.10
Treas 8½% 2007	8.65	8.72
Treas 13½% 2004-08	10.62	8.89
Treas 9% 2008	8.80	8.79
Treas 8% 2009	8.49	8.70

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 6¼% 2010	7.82	8.69
Conv 9% 2011	8.75	8.67
Treas 9% 2012	8.73	8.68
Treas 5½% 2008-12	7.48	8.42
Treas 8% 2013	8.48	8.61
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	8.43	8.61
Treas 8¾% 2017	8.61	8.59
Exch 12% 2013-17	9.30	8.82

UNDATED

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
War Ln 3½%	8.62	..
Treas 2½%	8.73	..

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Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas IL 2% 1996	2.40	4.11
Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	3.85	3.99
Treas IL 2½% 2001	3.51	3.86
Treas IL 2½% 2003	3.59	3.95
Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	3.82	3.95
Treas IL 2% 2006	3.66	3.92
Treas IL 2½% 2009	3.71	3.94
Treas IL 2½% 2011	3.73	3.94
Treas IL 2½% 2013	3.75	3.94
Treas IL 2½% 2016	3.67	3.94
Treas IL 2½% 2020	3.70	3.94
Treas IL 2½% 2024	3.79	3.93
Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	3.82	3.96

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Austria opposes EBRD backing for N-plant

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is facing fierce resistance from non-nuclear Austria to its plans to be the biggest financial backer of a DM1.45 billion nuclear plant project in Slovakia.

The Austrian government is trying to kill the controversial plan, which involves the completion of four Soviet VVER-440/213 reactors at Mochovce, in southeast Slovakia. It would be the EBRD's first nuclear project and would require DM412.5 million from the London-based bank.

Other backers are Electricité de France (EDF), the state-owned French power company, Bayernwerk, the German utility, and Euroatom, the lending arm of the European Union's nuclear industry. The French and German export credit agencies will also provide support.

Maria Rauch-Kallat, the Austrian Environment Minister, said that the EBRD could not give its backing to the Mochovce project because it failed to meet the strict criteria that the bank had set down regarding nuclear safety, energy cost, and public consultation.

"The bank must start to judge the project in an objective way," she said. The refusal of the plant's operators to agree to attend a public hearing, the absence in submitted documents of key safety features for the nuclear plant, and the questionable economic evaluation of the cost of the power to be produced, meant that the EBRD had not fulfilled its own conditions.

Austrian officials have expressed concern about the EBRD management's enthusiasm for the project, even before it had been submitted for public consultation in Central Europe. They also fear that the French and German power industries are using the lower safety standards accepted in the former Soviet bloc to gain access to extra nuclear capacity, which environmentalist lobbies would prevent them building in their home markets. EDF and Bayernwerk will recoup their investment in power supplies.

However, EBRD officials are dismissive of the Austrian stance, which they expect to be outvoted heavily when the bank's directors decide on the Mochovce project in March.

They argue that, besides being carefully evaluated for its safety, economic, and public consultation aspects, the scheme provides for the completion, to Western standards, of the Mochovce plant, in turn enabling Slovakia to undertake the early shutdown of existing, unsafe reactors at Bohunice.

Austria, which decided against nuclear power in a referendum, even though it had built, but not commissioned, its first plant, remains deeply concerned about the lack of nuclear safety in Central and Eastern Europe, even after the Chernobyl disaster of 1986.

Business failures at lowest since 1989

By Martin Barrow, City News Editor

RECEIVERSHIPS fell to a five-year low in 1994 after a 28 per cent decline year-on-year, according to figures compiled by KPMG.

A total of 2,040 receiverships were recorded last year, against 2,845 in 1993, giving the lowest figure since 1989, when there were 1,187. KPMG published the figures yesterday. Despite a small increase during the third quarter of the year, 1994 saw a continued downward trend, allaying fears that the economic recovery had been patchy. All regions experienced a fall in receiverships, but the recovery was particularly strong in the North East and the North West, which both saw falls of 36 per cent.

Thirty-one per cent of all receiverships occurred in the manufacturing sector. Other sectors that continued to be hit by receivership included finance and business services (12 per cent), construction (15 per cent) and retailing (9.5 per cent). The industry breakdown has remained broadly similar over the past year, indicating a similar degree of economic recovery across all sectors.

Tim Hayward, KPMG's head of corporate recovery, said: "We have seen a steady strengthening of the economy, as indicated by this drop in corporate collapses.

"Initial fears that the recovery was going to be patchy are not borne out by the receivership figures, which indicate that the recovery has been even both around the country and throughout all sectors."

Mr Hayward said that there was no evidence yet that overtrading, which often hits companies as the economy emerges from recession, was becoming a significant factor behind company failures. He said: "This must, in part, be due to the current availability of funds and credit from the banks, backed by sensible lending policies and a degree of caution on the part of the businesses themselves."

The number of receiverships has been in decline since 1992, when 4,333 failures were recorded.

KPMG's latest figures show that the number of receiverships declined by 28 per cent in the South East, but this remains the hardest-hit region, with 1,087 receiverships. Scotland and the Midlands were down by 26 per cent and 25 per cent respectively. By contrast, receiverships in South Wales fell just 2 per cent.

The continuing difficulties of manufacturing industries, accounting for 31 per cent of receiverships in 1994, against 28 per cent in 1993, is a worrying trend, given the apparent strength of growth in industrial output.

Construction accounted for 15 per cent of receiverships, compared with 18 per cent, while finance and business services accounted for 12 per cent, down from 15 per cent.

GRANT NORMAN

Howard Whitesmith, left, Domino managing director, and Roger Dye, finance director, saw record profits

BAS International capitalised at £22m

By Martin Barrow

BAS International Holdings, the supplier of consumer merchandise, will be capitalised at about £22 million when its shares begin trading on the stock market next month.

BAS, which issued its pathfinder prospectus yesterday, is coming to market via a £9 million share placing, raising £5.25 million to fund expansion and provide working capital.

The company specialises in supplying value-for-money consumer goods, including stationery, toys, giftware and golf accessories. Customers include Asda, Great Universal Stores and Poundstretcher.

BAS, whose finance director is Graham Hallworth, was incorporated in April 1994, although its principal subsidiary, RMS, was established by Martin Abramson, now group chairman, in 1974. In 1985, RMS was combined with Mr Abramson's office supply company and floated on the Unlisted Securities Market, with a market capitalisation of £6.8 million. Three years later, the company was taken over by Waverley Cameron for £29.2 million.

RMS supplies stationery, giftware and Christmas products to retail and wholesale outlets through the Grafix and Jade brands. RMS acquires most of the stock from regular suppliers in Asia, with the balance coming from Europe and South America.

Classic House, another subsidiary, distributes golf accessories and equipment. In addition, the company distributes giftware, travel goods, office supplies and leisure goods through Brennan Atkinson, a subisdiary accounting for about 23 per cent of turnover.

Last year the company increased taxable profits to £1.69 million, from £992,000 in 1993, on turnover rising to £21.64 million from £16.78 million. Adjusted for non-recurring items, profits have risen to £2.2 million, from £641,000, over the three years to December 31, 1994.

BAS's Martin Abramson, left, and Graham Hallworth

US helps to lift Domino to record

By Martin Barrow

STRONG demand in America, offsetting tough trading in Britain and continental Europe, helped to lift sales and profits of Domino Printing Sciences, the ink jet printing specialist, to a record.

In the year to October 31, Domino made pre-tax profits of £13 million, up from the previous year's £9.1 million.

Gerald Dennis, chairman, said that economic recovery this side of the Atlantic remained sluggish. There had been no new legislation of the kind that had helped the business to grow so rapidly in the early 1990s. "Also, in these more mature markets, sales were affected by aggressive pricing from local competition," he said.

Mr Dennis said that he was particularly pleased with performance in the US and markets other than America and Europe, and that three acquisitions in the final quarter broadened Domino's technology base and provided "opportunity to expand these businesses outside their traditional US markets with only moderate additional sales and marketing costs".

A final dividend of 6.4p makes 9.6p (7.95p). Earnings per share were 32.9p (23.07p). The shares fell 11p to 552p.

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Retail boost for Watson & Philip

By Susan Gilchrist

THE repositioning of Watson & Philip as a retailer and food distributor rather than a wholesaler is beginning to bear fruit as the company reported a 21 per cent increase in underlying profits — well ahead of City expectations.

Pre-tax profits before exceptional items rose to £15.3 million from £12.5 million in the year to October 29. However, the bottom line was depressed by a £4.6 million goodwill write-off relating to the disposal of businesses during the year. Including exceptionals pre-tax profits fell to £10.6 million from £12.5 million. The City was cheered by the news that the group was holding up against the supermarket giants and the shares rose 4p to 380p.

The Alldays convenience store chain lifted profits by 61 per cent to £7.9 million (£4.9 million) thanks to the addition of 20 new stores and improvements in gross margins. The food service division also performed well gaining market share, particularly in London and the Midlands.

The wholesaling side again suffered a downturn with profits slipping to £1.9 million from £2.1 million.

Bremner: encouraged

David Bremner, chief executive, said current trading is encouraging and the group expects the sale of National Lottery tickets since November to improve profitability at Alldays. The final dividend is lifted to 10.6p (9.9p), bringing the total payout to 15.3p (14.3p), and will be paid to shareholders on February 24.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Store openings hit Cantors profits

PRE-TAX profits at Cantors, the furniture retailer, fell to £105,000 (£563,000) in the six months to October 22. The group, which is concentrating on out-of-town sites, opened 11 new superstores in the first half depressing profits by £450,000. Like for like sales fell 9 per cent.

Six new out-of-town stores have opened since the end of the first half bringing the total to 24. The group also has 94 high street sites. Sales growth has picked up in the second half, although like-for-like sales remain flat. The interim dividend is maintained at 1p and will be paid on April 6.

Colt selects Sprint

CITY of London Telecommunications, known as Colt, has selected Sprint, the third-largest overseas phone company in America, to carry its international calls. In the past, it had relied on several carriers, including British Telecom and Mercury Communications. Colt is Sprint's first British customer. Launched a year ago, Colt has about 200 business customers in the City of London and has installed about 70 kilometers of fibre-optic cable. It has applied for a national telecoms licence, which it expects to receive this year, and hopes to expand into Europe.

Defeat for Ladbroke

THE European Court of Justice rejected complaints by Ladbroke, the British betting group, over agreements governing the broadcasting of French horse racing in Germany. Televised horse racing and betting news in Germany is covered by an agreement between Pari Mutuel Urbain, the French betting monopoly, and Deutscher Sportverlag. Ladbroke has been trying for more than five years to get PMU to sell it televised racing. It appealed to the court against the German agreements in 1992, claiming the European Commission should have declared them illegal.

Leeds Group setback

SHARES in Leeds Group fell 20p to 250p after the textiles specialist disclosed a slow start to its financial year. Robert Wade, chairman, said at the annual meeting, that the unusually warm weather in October and November depressed retail sales and "contributed to a slow start to our financial year". December was better and if the improved momentum in January was maintained he hoped the company would "make good the shortfall that occurred in our first two months". He said order levels have increased, but trading conditions were "very competitive and it is difficult to improve our margins".

Symonds expands

SYMONDS ENGINEERING is expanding through the acquisition of Classical Circuits, a printed circuit board maker based at Kingston, Surrey, for an initial consideration of £2.9 million, plus up to £500,000 more depending on future profits. Symonds, which was pushed back into profit last year by a new management team, supplies components to the electronics, computer and telecommunications industries. Rod Ackrill, who became chairman in June 1993, said part of the recovery strategy was to buy complementary businesses to develop the company into a broadly based engineering group.

Mitie lifts dividend

MITIE GROUP, a provider of building services to business and industry, increased pre-tax profits to £1.19 million (£814,000) in the half year to September 30, on turnover rising to £60.2 million from £46.6 million. With earnings advancing to 4.9p a share from 3.6p, the interim dividend is increased to 1.3p a share from 1p, payable on April 3. The shares rose 4p to 203p. David Telling, chairman, said that while all group companies performed in line with expectations, those in the cleaning and associated service sectors produced the strongest growth.

CIA media acquisition

CIA GROUP has boosted its position as Europe's second-biggest independent buyer of advertising media with the purchase, for an initial consideration of £1.7 million, of a 21 per cent stake in Mediahaus Stroebel of Düsseldorf. The deal requires CIA to buy the remaining 79 per cent of the company in the first half of 1998. It could make further profit-related payments of up to £15 million by 1998-99, partly through new CIA shares, up to 15 per cent of the enlarged share capital. Mediahaus Stroebel's clients include Audi, Microsoft, Chiquita and Rothmans. Its 1993 turnover was £150 million.

Siemens advances

SIEMENS, the Munich-based electronics and electrical engineering group, increased net profits by 8 per cent in the first quarter of the current business year. Domestic business showed the first growth for two years. The net profit of DM448 million in the three months to December 31 came on the back of a 7 per cent increase in sales to DM18.5 billion. New orders were up 4 per cent at DM22.2 billion. The figures were well received on the Frankfurt bourse and appeared to comfirm the company's forecast of 20 per cent growth in pre-tax profit this year.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In The High Court
of Justice
Queen's Bench Division
STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

In an agreed Statement before Mr Justice Drake on Thursday 19 January 1995, Mirror Group Newspapers Limited and the Mirror's former Editor, David Banks, the Defendants in libel proceedings, apologised through their Counsel, Mr Harvey Starte, to the Plaintiff, His Royal Highness Sultan Azlan Shah, at the time of the commencement of the proceedings the elected King of Malaysia, for the publication of an allegation in the article appearing in the Daily Mirror for 3 November 1993, under the banner headline "Mega Rich Foreign Monarchs Who Don't Pay a Penny In Taxes on their Companies in Britain. The Crowning Insult" in which it was alleged that, if the Plaintiff and a few other mega-rich foreign monarchs were liable to the same rules as everyone else, then the government would not need to put VAT on fuel.

Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, Solicitor for the Plaintiff, said that the article criticised the government for permitting foreign leaders of State to avoid tax. The article made reference to their extravagant lifestyles, including details about the Plaintiff's alleged way of life. He said that the Publisher and Editor of the Daily Mirror now recognised that the allegations against the Plaintiff were without foundation and that the Plaintiff had at no time claimed sovereign immunity in respect of taxes in this country, nor had he ever owned a Gulf Stream jet, gone on shopping sprees to Beverley Hills, nor did he play roulette, nor own any racehorses, as alleged in the article.

The Court was informed that the Defendants had accepted that the reference to the Plaintiff ought never to have been included in the article in question and had agreed to pay His Royal Highness Sultan Azlan Shah, a substantial sum to compensate him for the distress caused both to him and to his wife, and had undertaken not further to publish the allegations of which His Royal Highness had complained, and to pay his legal costs.

On behalf of the Defendants, Counsel stated that the Defendants accepted that, insofar as the article referred to the Plaintiff, it was wholly without foundation and though based on a mistaken report to them which at the time they had no reason to doubt, they repeated their sincere regret for having referred to the Plaintiff in the article, and repeated their apologies to the Plaintiff for his unfounded inclusion in the article.

CLUB LOYALE LIMITED
(IN LPA RECEIVERSHIP)

Registered Number: 2876568. Trading Name: The Gravesend Indoor Tennis Centre. Nature of Business: Tennis Centre. Trade Classification: 39. Date of appointment of LPA receiver: 18th January 1995. Name of person appointing the LPA receivers: The Maidstone Tennis & Fitness Centre Limited. Date of instrument: 11th January 1994. Type of instrument: Legal Mortgage. P S Dunn and M J C Oldham, Joint LPA Receivers (Office Holder Numbers 2368 and 7817) of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 ROBELL HOLDINGS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed to act as Liquidator of Robell Holdings Limited by a resolution at the meetings of the company's members and creditors held on 19th January 1995.

DATED this 19th day of January 1995
M W YOUNG - LIQUIDATOR

Modec Investments Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on the 8th February 1995 at 12.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co. not later than 12.00 hrs on 7th February 1995 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated 19th January 1995
P. Monjack, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Robbins Research
International Limited
-In Creditors' Voluntary
Liquidation-

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, M Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 13 January 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 18 January 1995
Malcolm Cohen
Liquidator

No. 007775 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF
USBORNE plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 18th January 1995 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the abovenamed Company from £12,200,000 to £5,946,149.05 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the said particulars required by the abovementioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 19th January 1995.

Dated this 25th day of January 1995
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Ref: BAW/U11600010
Tel: 071 638 1111
Solicitors for the said Company

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

NOLAN, WINIFRED, deceased, late of Dartford, Kent. Anyone having a claim to the estate of the above please contact DR NOLAN 01179 757 992.

CALLBASIC LIMITED

We Stephen James Linar Adamson and Gareth Howard Hughes, both of Becket House 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU hereby give notice that on the 18th January 1995 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company are required on or before 31 March 1995 to send in their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to G H Hughes, Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU the joint liquidator of the said company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, by their solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 18th January 1995.
G H Hughes
Joint Liquidator

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SECURITY: Innovations and the need for improved pay in the industry and, right, what a company can do when things go horribly wrong

Halt, who goes there?

Security in the workplace, once the concern of banks and military installations, is now an important issue for most organisations, partly due to the rise in opportunistic crime and to the demands of competition in the commercial world.

The main response to this has been the development of sophisticated access control equipment. In many cases, the access control industry has embraced the development of "smart-cards" with more alacrity than other users of basic magnetic card technology.

The magnetic card was developed by Hal Cooley, an American photographer who started the Cardkey Lock Company by making flat cardboard cards with wafer-thin magnets glued between them.

The company became Cardkey and it now offers a range of systems. The most advanced is the proximity card, in which a radio transmitter and microchip are embedded and which operates only when "interrogated" by reading equipment. The readers can be installed throughout a plant and controlled by a central computer which can ensure that only those carrying the appropriate card or key-ring are allowed access.

Cardkey operates the access control systems at sprawling office areas such as the London Borough of Croydon, which occupies a 20-storey building in the town and spills over to four other sites. Infrared alarms and closed-circuit television cameras had provided security, but as the number of entry points and visitors increased a new system had to be developed. Cardkey introduced an access system which allows staff and visitors access and can pin-point unauthorised members of staff or imposters in various areas. It also helps to control evacuation procedures and allows tracking of patrolling guards when the building is empty, thus ensuring their safety.

Charles Payne, the borough's security manager, says: "We were impressed by Cardkey's ability to integrate its card access management system with our existing security measures. The pricing policy was competitive and its customer service and training programme were also appealing."

The secure approach at Croydon Town Hall in south London as a guard monitors visitors

Another recent major contract placed with the security industry has been the installation and operation of the security facilities at the Channel Tunnel terminal in Folkestone. Drake and Scull won the contract to provide one of the most advanced monitoring systems in Britain. The project harnessed the benefits of basic security systems, such as chain-link fencing and CCTV system, to modern computer control systems which allow constant monitoring via optic fibre links with enhanced imaging and digital storage of images.

Ian Watson, the company's security system manager, says: "Eurotunnel's success has relied on the attention given to interfacing the systems as a whole unit."

Though technology is playing an increasingly important and cost-effective role, the most effective form of security in many businesses is still men and women in uniform on the ground. However, there are many in this sector who are concerned about its reputation for low wages and the effect that has on peoples' perceptions of the quality of staff involved.

Outspoken: Bob Shearsmith

Bob Shearsmith, executive director of Care Security Services, a major provider of uniformed staff in shopping centres, offices and hospitals, has been outspoken on this subject. "Companies that employ contract security privately agree their security officers on-site deserve more for the role they perform. The reputable manned guarding companies all state publicly that they wish they could pay more. If all of this is true, why are the real guardians of property and people, the security officers, often having to take home pay of less than £120 for a 50-hour week?

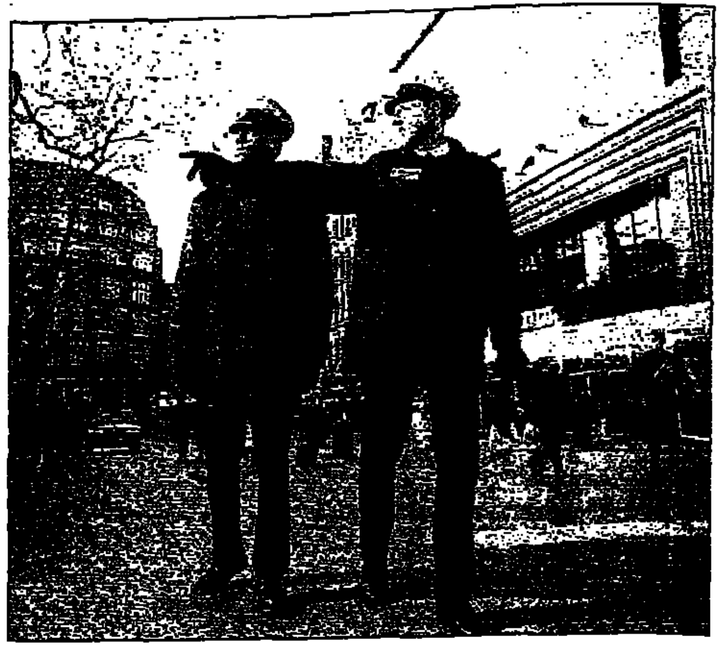
"The majority of contract security companies use the same resources to recruit their labour forces, but, in those same newspaper and Job Centre advertisements, the rates of pay offered are less than those for supermarket workers, forecourt attendants and cleaning staff. Can you draw a parallel between the duties of an unskilled worker with that of a security officer? I would suggest that you cannot."

Mr Shearsmith accepts that the pay rates are market-driven, in this case driven downwards, but warns of the consequences.

"The security officer does not feel adequately rewarded, experiences little or no job satisfaction and ends up seeking other more financially rewarding employment. The effect on the customer is one of an unstable workforce and a permanent lack of experience in the team," he says.

"Ultimately there is a need for the Government to regulate the industry, which may result in security companies being selected for their standards and performance rather than being the cheapest option, although this looks unlikely in the short to medium term."

DAVID YOUNG


Primed for the unexpected: security men in Leicester Square, London

How to cope with an armed robbery

Every year, armed robberies affect tens of thousands of bank, building society, shop, post office and office workers. All need support and some will need post-traumatic counselling. To provide for this, a small industry of consultants, therapists and training courses has sprung up.

Best practice in these situations revolves around four stages: preparation, defusing, psychological debriefing and longer-term support.

Don Maclean, of Role Management, one of the first consultancies in this area, says: "Many firms think that preparing staff for an armed robbery makes them afraid of work. Does a fire drill make you more afraid of fire? No, it just lets everyone know what is possible. Nobody can prepare for the unknown factor a crisis will bring out in each individual."

It is often that unknown reaction which the individual finds most disturbing, particularly if it does not conform to his or her expectation of themselves.

During the second stage of defusing the situation, many companies overplay their concern by sending in wave after wave of senior and personnel managers. Michael Stewart, director of the Centre for Crisis Psychology, says: "Quantity of senior management does not equate to caring and merely adds to the confusion."

The defusing process should help everyone to accept that after an an exceptional event such as armed robbery, exceptional emotions can run riot.

Andrew Longbottom, group personnel manager with the Abbey National, says: "For a start, we do not like to call the process counselling. That suggests something abnormal is going on among the staff affected. It is as normal for the manager to feel guilty as it is for the staff to feel anger with each other."

The next stage is the most important in terms of the efficiency of the workplace group. During the psychological debriefing, all will go through what they experienced, what they saw and what happened and explain what they did and felt.

This debriefing takes place two or three days after the event, after the initial euphoria has died away, and involves the whole team. This not only reduces the feeling of isolation and stigma but helps the team to work together. Mr Longbottom says: "It's important that they that they talk the whole experience through so that they can go back and function as a team."

Typically in this phase, the guilt of the manager who was in the back room will be exorcised, as will the anger of one cashier at another for not pressing the alarm bell quickly enough. This formula is so successful that some groups have been known to work better and to increase their productivity after the experience.

Though most companies provide further support meetings, most staff feel comforted by these levels of support. "In one extreme case where a building society raid went very wrong and a policeman was not only killed, but the robber killed himself, we needed four meetings. One of the main problems was that the manager, because he rang the alarm which brought the policeman, blamed himself for the deaths," Mr Maclean says.

The last stage is longer-term care in which the company provides, where needed, further one-to-one therapy, or more importantly, an anonymous helpline to talk staff through their problems. In many ways, companies have found that the very setting up of systematic procedures is the main reason why staff find it relatively easy to cope.

The problems come when staff think nobody cares and that it is beholden on them to cope because managers will think less of them if they don't. There are surprisingly few cases of long-term sickness resulting from armed robberies. In fact, the ability to cope is often related to other outside pressures. If a member of staff is going through a bad relationship, having problems with their family or not getting on with the manager anyway, the experience of the armed robbery is more difficult to survive.

Recent University of Leicester research into the attitudes of armed robbers, found that 70 per cent had sympathy with the staff. But some robbers said they were doing the staff a favour by adding excitement to their lives. One problem with this self-serving view is that while armed robbers are addicted to adrenalin, those who work in the retail sector are not.

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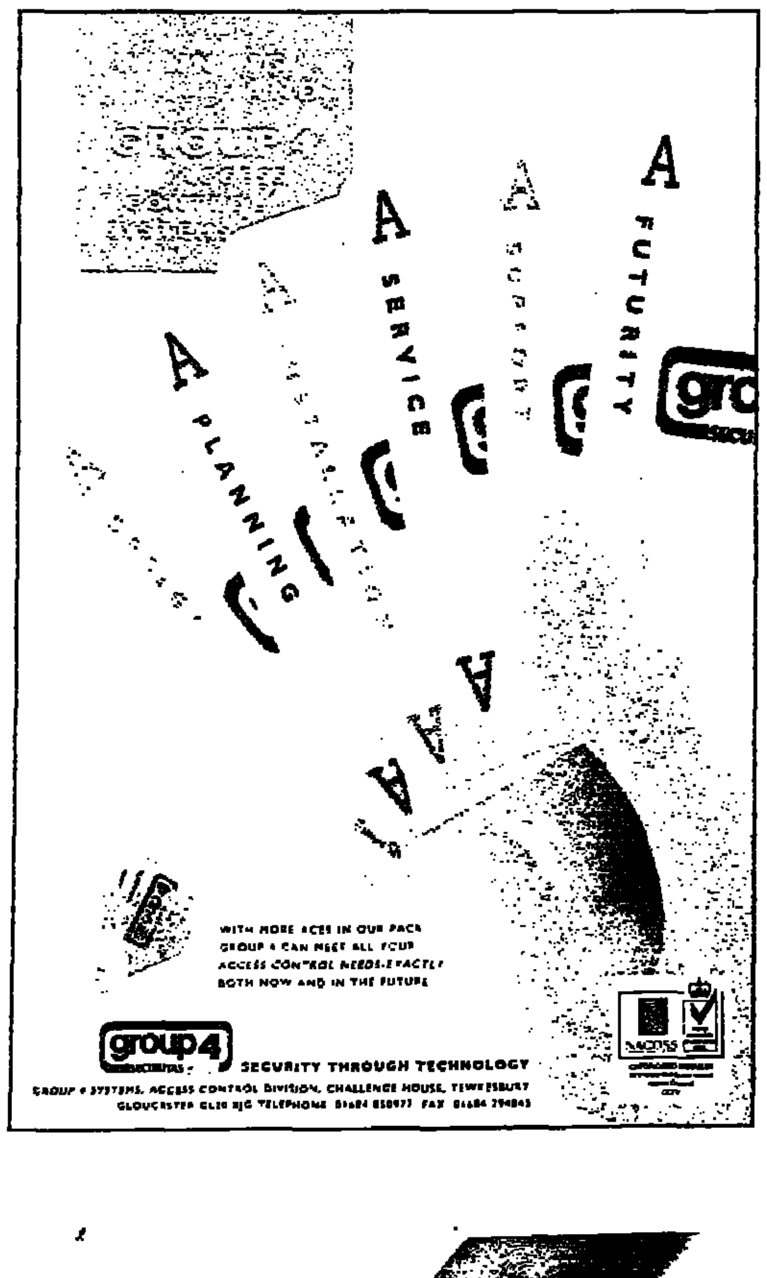

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Playing musical chairs

Changing the furniture about in the office can be expensive if not properly planned, **David Young** reports

How often do you change desks in your office? Was the move really necessary and how much did it cost?

Research by Procord, the leading facilities management company, indicates that once the true costs of moving around within the office — not a relocation or even a refurbishment, but a simple change-over of desks — are discovered, many companies would think again about their office architecture, making it as simple as possible to carry out moves when they become necessary.

Moving desks, known as office "churn", is taken for granted by most organisations and changing markets mean that companies have to be increasingly flexible within their own offices. However, Procord has found that in many offices, "churn" rates can be as high as 200 per cent with each person moving desks twice a year and that in the worst case costs per move are as high as £3,000 excluding VAT.

Most moves fall in the range of £100 to £1,000, so even a programme of moves achieving the best cost case can be expensive. Because the costs of such moves are normally borne by departments within a company, the overall financial implications become blurred. Procord has found that using the best available practice, a simple move from one workstation to another could cost £75 to £100; a move involving the dismantling and reconfiguration of workstations and floor layout, £25 to £500; a move involving dismantling and reconfiguration of workstations, partitions and floor layouts, £75 to £1,000; and £1,250-plus for a generally inefficient move of any kind.

Procord says that "churn" costs can be forced up by a number of factors. If kept too low, investment levels during an initial office fit-out can lead to inefficiencies with furniture that is too difficult to dismantle and re-assemble, or is easily damaged. Varying floor grids and ceiling heights also lead to compromises having to be made when moves are considered.

The biggest opportunities for improvements in costs and efficiency, Procord says, lie with fundamental practices, the main one being effective space management. Workplaces need to be configured around consistent and modular grids, thereby minimising the disruptive knock-on effect of one move among surrounding people and workstations — the "ripple effect". Modularity, based on the minimum number of workplace layouts based on job function and not seniority or status, can lead to dramatic reductions in the costs of "churn".

By following these practices a company occupying a 10,000 sq metre office with 650 employees could cut "churn" rates of 150 to 100 per cent to 50 per cent and costs from an average of £1,000 per move to about £250.

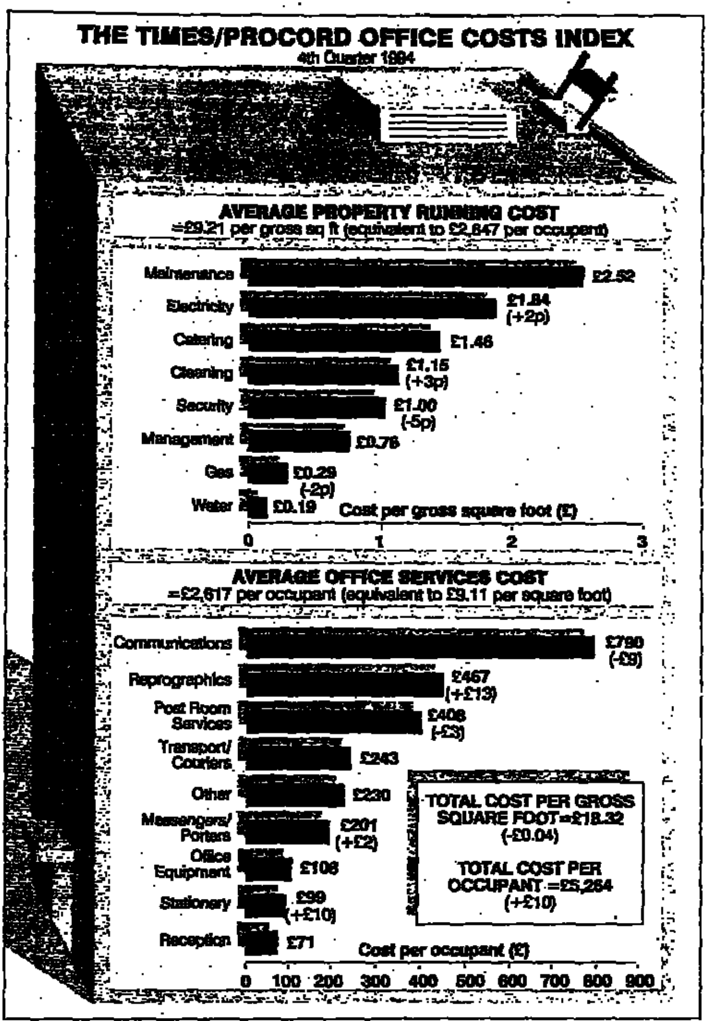
However, the ultimate elimination of "churn" can be done by adopting radical solutions such as configuring workplaces not just in the context of space, but by fully embracing the other dimensions of people needs, technology, time, the nature of the work and the operational and management processes. This means that most workplace users do not occupy personally allocated space, but move to whatever functional resource they require when they need it.

The Quarterly Times/Procord Office Cost index indicates that a buyers' market is emerging in the market for gas, which will lead to companies achieving substantial savings in costs in the coming months, although in the fourth quarter of last year costs fell only marginally. The fact is that at present there is too much gas and too few customers.

Procord has stated: "Anyone who was with British Gas on published schedules with sites consuming more than 25,000 therms per annum and who have not renegotiated or retendered their requirement should do so. Savings typically of the order of 25 to 30 per cent are available by moving to current market prices."

Changes in the electricity market are also likely to lead to reductions in charges, although not on the same scale. There could be scope for reductions of more than 5 per cent in most areas, with savings of nearer 15 per cent being available in some regions.

There is also downward pressure on communications charges, with Procord advising companies to shop around to achieve savings. However, it has warned that while many other input costs are stable, there could be an increase in cleaning costs as wages start to move upwards, particularly outside London, and a substantial rise in stationery costs is in the pipeline.



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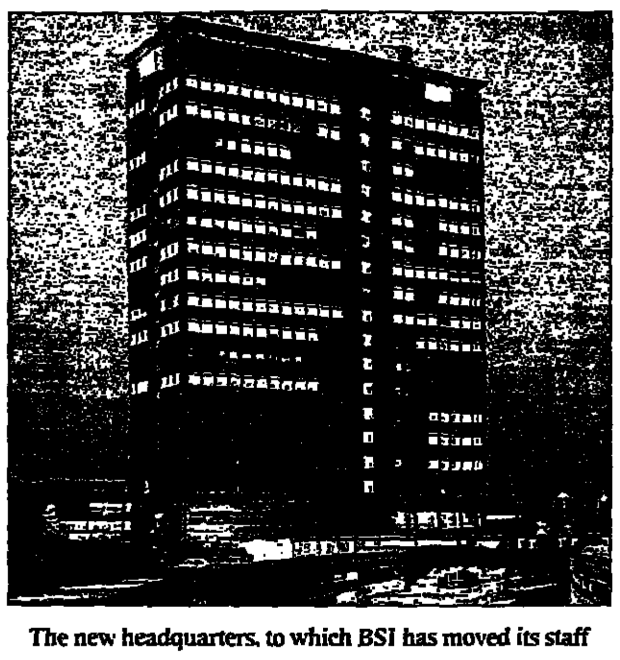
Barbara Trigg on the refurbishment of the institution's headquarters

BSI practises what it preaches



The new headquarters, to which BSI has moved its staff

Within budgets and on schedule, the British Standards Institution (BSI) has comprehensively refurbished a 1960s office block in West London as its new headquarters. In only 56 weeks, the building was virtually reconstructed to meet BSI's needs.

What was a drab concrete building now has powder-coated aluminium cladding. This protects the concrete from further deterioration, reduces maintenance and helps to insulate the building. To reduce solar heat gain, the blue-tinted glazing is reflective.

An internal staircase was demolished and a new staircase that meets current fire escape requirements constructed on the side of the building in a pod consisting of a steel framework enclosed in an aluminium membrane. The floor space gain in the centre of the building was reinforced and used to house high-density filing on most of the 17 floors.

In the angle of the L-shaped building, a new semi-circular conference centre was built. A business centre has been provided for delegates, equipped with faxes, phones, photocopiers and personal computers.

BSI is the UK's national standards body. Its most famous mark, the Kitemark, can be found on many consumer and industrial products. Relevant building and other standards have therefore been used throughout the refurbishment. As Stephen O'Reilly, facilities manager, says, "BSI has to be seen to be practising what it preaches."

Following good environmental management practice, fittings were re-used wherever possible. Reduced heating and cooling needs for the building were calculated by engineers Ove Arup & Partners.

The central, computerised building management system monitors and controls all building services, including security. Staff were kept informed of progress and involved in decisions on the new office layout. Business Design Group /McColl, acting as interior design co-ordinators and, working with Faulkner-Browns, the project architects, set up a pilot office with four different layouts, furniture ranges and colour schemes. One BSI department of about 30 people worked there for several months to assess working conditions.

Employees from central London, Manchester and Milton Keynes have now moved into the head office at Chiswick. Mr O'Reilly says: "Twenty-thousand crates were involved in the move over an eight-week period. Induction days were held every Monday for six weeks targetting new groups of arrivals."

Each person was given a welcome pack, containing information about safety, security, first aid, parking and the computer systems. A local map, the first day's menu in the staff restaurant and a questionnaire were also included.

Landscaping is one of Mr O'Reilly's responsibilities. Others include maintenance, cleaning, security, catering and waste. Day to day work on these functions is contracted out to TFM (Granada), with BSI having audit control and setting service levels.

Mr O'Reilly is also responsible for general services such as reception, conference facilities, reprographics and messengers. Unlike most office buildings, this one has to cope with 40,000 visitors a year, as well as the comings and goings of 700 staff. In addition to national and international conferences, about 5,000 committee meetings will be held there each year.

Planning and team work have been the key to the successful and complex move. Gearing for it started many months in advance. Collette Davies, a legal secretary who moved from the central London premises, is delighted with the new offices.

"I have a beautiful view from the 17th floor," she says. "The restaurant facilities are good. The welcome pack was useful and we have a help desk that logs queries."

A BIFM certificate to be proud of

The qualification will enhance the industry

After two years of intensive development, Britain's professional qualification in facilities management has been unveiled by the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM). It will provide a national standard framework which will benefit practising managers, employers and academic institutions.

The BIFM has published a professional qualification guidance pack, which includes details of the three routes to qualification, assessment criteria and standards, and the self-assessment handbook, which must be completed by all candidates.

Marilyn Standley, chairman of the BIFM, says: "We have now established a solid foundation for the profession and a vital frame of reference for all associated with it. Holders of the qualification will have successfully demonstrated the highest levels of competence in key areas. Its introduction will greatly enhance the status of professional facilities management and I hope it will further encourage able managers to follow a career in this increasingly significant field."

Details of the qualification will be available at the FM EXPO 95 at Olympia from March 7 to 9. John Crawshaw, director of the BIFM, says: "I am sure others in related fields welcome the formation of FM EXPO 95 as the single focal point in the UK for FM service and products suppliers."

A record number of entries has been received for this year's Facilities and Property Management Quality Award, to be presented tomorrow by Lord Young, executive chairman of Cable & Wireless. The qualifying companies are drawn from a wide range of services, including security, cleaning, maintenance, landscaping, waste, utilities and personnel.

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Income Gwth	332.80	354.00†	+ 0.60	4.47
Japan	287.40	305.30	+ 2.60	..
Latin American	65.88	70.08	- 1.25	.
Pacific	87.66	93.26	- 1.11	0.87
UK Smlr Cos	49.47	52.63†	- 0.04	1.32
Japan Fd	658.00	677.80	- 0.20	..
Mngd Fd	160.80	171.10	- 0.10	3.08
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	260.10	273.80	- 1.90	1.34
Capital Gwth	104.50	110.00	+ 0.50	2.44
Wwide Opps	165.10	173.80	- 1.40	0.46

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Portfolio	91.31	97.24	+ 0.16	0.80
Japanese Portfolio	59.65	63.58†	+ 0.60	...
Pacific Portfolio	123.20	132.46	- 1.50	0.97
UK Inc & Growth	71.59	76.85	+ 0.14	3.46
Utility & Bond	53.38	53.95	+ 0.02	7.09
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	645.05	651.10	.	4.75
Fxd In Sec	147.10	147.45	...	9.83
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	58.63	62.37†	+ 0.04	3.19
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	638.32	649.19	...	4.86
Accum	£27.23	£27.25	..	...
Fixed Int Inc	119.50	119.75	.	9.09
Fixed Int Acc	185.16	185.45	.	.
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7887				
Intl Growth	116.58	127.20†	.	.
UK Income	105.79	112.95†	..	5.32
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	73.07	77.43	...	1.56
Beck Bio-Tech	24.60	27.45†	.	.
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.30	152.95†	.	0.73
City Fin Accels	63.26	67.30	..	1.33
City Fin America	80.68	84.93	..	..
City Fin Intl	71.71	75.48	..	0.96
City Fin Japan	162.52	171.07†	..	...
Friars Hse Cap	252.87	273.74†	.	2.81
Friars Hse Inc	181.55	193.14	.	4.20
Buckley Wldd Grth	122.14	129.94	.	0.09
Falcon Cap Gilt	131.11	138.48	..	.
Fairmount Intl	144.0	153.19	..	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	50.98	54.21†	.	4.43
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.84	53.08	- 0.89	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.25	55.88	- 0.70	.
Albn Mngd Gwth	32.97	35.36	- 0.11	0.53
Dragon Growth	56.88	60.83	- 0.88	0.66
Equity High Inc	78.68	81.55	..	4.29
(Accum Units)	103.07	109.65	- 0.01	4.29
European Gwth	46.95	49.95	- 0.42	0.92
Evergreen	26.41	28.25	- 0.34	...
General Equity	77.41	82.13	+ 0.01	2.79
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.58	24.76†	- 0.04	8.69
Japan Growth	46.04	49.24	+ 0.58	...
Pedigree Gwth	46.04	49.24	+ 0.58	2.80
Ppd Sm Cos Inc	28.78	30.62	- 0.05	1.24
(Accum Units)	29.90	31.81	- 0.06	1.24
Retirement Inc #	24.35	25.80	+ 0.03	6.25
Special Sits	35.29	37.54	- 0.03	2.16
UK & Overseas	43.36	46.13	- 0.13	1.55
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 898 000				
Capital	61.89	65.33	- 0.02	2.43
Income	56.26	60.17	+ 0.03	4.39
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	145.16	154.43	- 0.14	5.81
Fixed & Convertible	38.29	40.73†	- 0.11	7.51
Monthly Inc Plus	46.97	49.97	- 0.08	8.97
Preference Share	45.85	48.56†	+ 0.01	7.61
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	114.68	122.00†	+ 1.36	7.64
Managed Fund	61.97	65.93	- 0.17	3.28
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.63	38.97	- 0.13	1.74
(Accum Units)	41.91	44.59	- 0.14	1.74
UK & General	71.35	75.99	+ 0.09	2.92
(Accum Units)	89.30	95.00	+ 0.12	2.92
UK Growth	128.63	136.84	+ 0.09	2.49
International Growth Funds				
Europa Growth	177.48	188.81	- 1.75	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	111.96	119.11	- 0.91	
Global Bond	73.88	78.51	- 0.68	6.45
Japan Growth	110.22	117.26	+ 1.11	
Nth Amer Gwth	152.74	162.49	- 1.40	.
Oriental Growth	63.29	67.33	- 1.13	
Worldwide Growth	59.26	63.04	- 0.28	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.66	92.66	+ 0.01	5.75
Homemaker Fund	71.08	75.60	- 0.05	2.08
Quilter Fund	117.24	124.72	- 0.15	3.14
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	53.44	58.85†	+ 0.09	3.30
(Accum Units)	57.86	61.57	+ 0.10	3.30
High Income	31.46	33.46	+ 0.04	4.90
Japan	32.40	34.46	+ 0.33	.
Smaller Cos Inc	28.80	30.73	- 0.04	2.69
Smaller Cos	30.59	32.54	- 0.05	2.69
North American	30.29	32.22	- 0.45	0.60
European	34.55	36.75	- 0.21	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.83	31.81		3.40
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 398				
Growth	136.68	145.40	+ 0.30	2.06
Income	65.27	69.44†	+ 0.32	5.32
European	57.34	61.01	- 0.22	1.20
Recovery	143.20	152.40	+ 1.30	2.06
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	778.00	790.80†	.	3.84
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 880 370				
Fellowship Tst	67.89	72.22	+ 0.04	1.37
Income #	219.70	233.70	+ 0.10	4.98
(Accum Units) #	541.20	575.70	+ 0.30	4.98
Smaller Cos	148.40	157.80	- 0.20	0.81
(Accum Units)	181.40	192.90	- 0.30	0.81
Inv Portfolio	71.99	76.58	+ 0.21	1.56
High Inc Port #	63.78	67.85	...	5.11
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 418 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.89	£15.26	..	.
Japan Small Cos	£12.02	£12.25	.	..
UK Small Cos	£17.10	£17.88†	.	..
US Small Cos	£15.68	£16.05	.	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	193.80	204.00	...	2.83
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Gwth	254.80	269.50	- 3.50	1.03

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smaller Cos	26.47	27.47	- 0.27	..
French Growth	68.02	70.60	- 0.56	0.34
Accum Units	72.87	75.63	- 0.61	0.34
H Kong & China	62.26	64.62†	- 0.58	2.05
Intl Growth	52.63	54.62	- 0.16	0.58
(Accum Units)	53.07	55.08	- 0.16	0.58
Japan Gth	30.86	32.03	+ 0.41	...
Accum Units	30.88	32.03	+ 0.41	...
Japan Smaller Cos	39.10	40.58	+ 0.14	...
Glob Emg Mkts	86.88	90.18	- 1.59	...
Accum Units	87.50	90.82	- 1.55	..
SE Asia	265.30	275.30	- 3.50	0.49
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.51	52.04	- 0.34	6.23

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	66.30	70.10	- 0.10	3.27
(Accum Units)	130.20	137.80	- 0.30	3.21
Sterling Hi Int	23.47	23.58†	- 0.09	8.99
Treasury	25.00	25.04†	...	5.79
Trustee	38.90	41.10	+ 0.10	4.70
(Accum Units)	158.80	165.90	+ 0.50	4.70
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 281 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	74.89	79.45	- 0.52	0.95
Intl Bond	59.02	62.65	- 0.40	5.70
Intl Equity Growth	84.20	89.26	- 0.11	0.65
N Amer Growth	88.45	94.08	- 0.48	1.02
Special Sits Growth	20.13	21.41	- 0.02	1.78

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JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	122.30	130.00	- 1.90	...
Income	138.04	146.65†	- 0.04	4.08
UK Growth	50.98	54.23†	+ 0.17	0.99
International	70.65	75.15†	- 0.10	0.30
Ecology	73.79	78.49	- 0.27	1.37
European	113.96	120.87	- 0.06	...
Far Eastern	267.30	284.40	- 1.60	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	46.67	49.65†	+ 0.13	7.75
Gilt Yield	111.30	117.40†	- 0.10	6.82
Global Income	197.10	209.70	- 0.96	4.34

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	344.50	366.40	+ 1.10	2.85
(Accum Units)	449.30	477.90	+ 1.40	2.85
M&W JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.35	£12.52	...	3.90
Income #	928.70	943.50†	..,	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
081 222 4242				
Maldon General	138.90	140.60	.	4.34
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealing: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	184.80	197.80	- 0.10	2.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.20	174.10	- 0.50	6.60

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	49.86	52.33†	+ 0.08	3.97
FT-SE 100 Dis	49.21	51.53†	+ 0.08	3.97
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.23	54.37	- 0.12	7.32
(Accum Units)	151.10	157.38	- 0.39	7.32
High Yield	211.00	220.90	- 0.30	5.81
(Accum Units)	528.50	553.40	- 0.58	5.81
Income	269.20	281.90	+ 0.36	3.71
(Accum Units)	585.70	613.20	+ 0.70	3.71
Money Market UT	49.79	49.80	+ 0.01	5.39
(Accum Units)	77.45	77.46	+ 0.01	5.39
Monthly Income	80.86	84.69†	- 0.06	6.25
Midland Prepaid Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.00	100.09	...	1.96
European Growth	101.50	107.68	- 0.29	0.82
Gilt & Fixed	82.28	87.28	- 0.19	6.36
Income	79.51	84.69	+ 0.09	3.02
Japan Growth	48.52	51.43	- 2.97	...
Managed	64.34	68.09	...	2.54
Money Market	88.50	91.79	+ 0.01	4.39
North American	83.52	88.53	- 1.44	0.51
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	85.48	90.65	+ 0.02	1.94
European Growth	95.48	101.20	- 0.29	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.43	83.22	- 0.18	6.32
Income	78.12	83.11	+ 0.08	3.05
Japan Growth	48.44	51.35	- 2.94	...
Managed	82.13	88.19	...	2.51
Money Market	80.05	84.87	+ 0.02	4.33
North American	76.17	80.74	- 1.30	0.80
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	85.37	90.62	+ 0.02	1.93
European Growth	93.22	98.81	- 0.23	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.83	76.21	- 0.18	6.48
Income	77.16	82.08	+ 0.08	3.11
Japan Growth	49.57	52.55	- 3.0	...
Managed	64.85	68.90	- 0.01	2.51
Money Market	74.68	79.12	+ 0.01	4.40
North American	84.33	89.39	- 1.44	0.47
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.07	12.84	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 071 826 0626 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	317.90	337.70†	- 3.00	
European Gth Inc	422.40	454.30†	- 6.40	0.29
(Accum Units)	427.00	459.20†	- 6.50	0.29
Intl Gwth	182.90	194.90	- 1.00	...
UK Equity Inc	172.50	184.00	- 0.30	3.24
UK Intl Trkg Inc	148.10	158.60	- 0.10	2.83
(Accum Units)	173.90	186.20	- 0.10	2.83
US Eq Intl Trk Inc	186.20	197.40	- 1.10	1.54
Japan Tracker	68.64	73.08	+ 0.95	...
Asian Tracker	167.30	181.10	- 2.80	0.33
Managed Inc	144.60	154.30†	- 0.70	1.52
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94†	+ 0.02	5.97
Europe	166.90	178.90	- 2.40	0.26
Genesis	149.60	163.70	- 0.40	2.22
High Income	20.71	21.97†	+ 0.09	10.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 888 933				
Acumen	87.54	89.53	- 0.12	2.54
Acumen Inc	82.86	84.74	- 0.11	2.51
Acumen Reserve	81.00	81.81†	- 0.20	6.40
-do- Inc	69.55	70.25†	- 0.17	6.40
American Growth #	145.30	148.70	- 1.86	1.09
Cash Income	49.92	49.92	+ 0.01	5.42
Equity Income #	86.26	90.64†	- 0.15	4.71
European	65.02	65.61	- 0.66	...
Smaller Cos	75.69	78.82	- 0.01	0.98
Olympiad	58.63	60.65	- 0.09	0.32
Global Bond	41.55	42.01	- 0.18	6.72
UK Growth	89.23	89.63	- 0.08	1.83
Pacific Growth	84.46	87.59	- 0.09	...
Japan Growth	86.38	87.83	+ 1.34	...

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income	68.71	73.10	- 0.64	3.09
Extra Income	140.80	149.69†	- 0.39	3.94
(Accum Units)	170.80	181.70	- 0.50	3.94
Far East	352.60	375.20	- 2.60	0.08
(Accum Units)	358.30	382.20	- 2.70	0.08
Global Income	23.53	25.04†	- 0.25	4.70
High Income	108.20	115.10	- 0.30	3.71
(Accum Units)	128.40	136.60	- 0.40	3.71
International	184.80	196.60	- 1.30	0.69
(Accum Units)	190.40	202.60	- 1.40	0.69
Pref & Fxd Int	42.58	45.30†	- 0.05	8.00
Recovery	66.89	71.16	- 0.04	2.57
Special Sits	101.60	108.00	- 0.30	1.16
(Accum Units)	109.80	116.80	- 0.40	1.16
Technology	345.20	367.30	- 4.70	...
UK Blue Chip	64.21	68.31	- 0.15	2.74
(Accum Units)	71.22	75.76	- 0.17	2.74
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0622 674 751				
General	48.62	51.72†	- 0.61	2.30
International	82.81	88.10	- 0.20	0.41
Gilt	23.46	24.19	- 0.06	6.77
Income & Gwth	65.20	69.36	- 0.07	5.05
European	48.23	51.31	- 0.48	0.45
American	49.42	52.57	- 0.42	..
Emerging Mkts	63.03	67.05	- 1.64	0.05
UK Smaller Cos	27.84	29.72	- 0.12	1.74
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.25	25.89†	- 0.06	7.24
Global PEP	35.15	37.39	- 0.11	1.37
For Providence Capital see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 588 3988				
Equity Gth	164.80	175.30	- 0.20	1.79
European Gth	92.79	98.47	- 1.83	0.40
Income & Gilt #	125.00	133.60		3.32
Japan Gth	112.49	119.30	+ 1.70	...
Nth Amer Gth	110.90	118.00	- 0.70	0.16
Overseas Gth	82.04	87.28	- 0.22	..
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4480				
Managed Tst	34.87	35.39	- 0.05	1.63
Cash Haven Inc	101.54	102.04	+ 0.01	5.03
Cash Haven Acc	111.18	111.71	+ 0.02	5.03
Dist Trust Inc	91.20	94.50†	- 0.10	6.34
Dist Trust Acc	94.31	97.73†	- 0.10	6.34
Global Growth	82.65	87.28†	+ 0.13	1.41
Equity Inc	76.44	81.31	- 0.09	3.89
Equity	671.61	714.47	- 0.12	2.30
European	197.68	204.64	- 1.53	1.16
High Income	85.08	90.50†	+ 0.09	5.93
Intl Gth	166.34	176.95†	- 0.09	1.01
Intl Str Co	71.48	76.05	- 0.41	0.48
Japanese	201.98	209.30†	+ 1.42	...
Nth Amer	155.63	161.27	- 0.46	1.27
Pacific Mkts	87.98	90.21†	- 0.66	0.40
Premier Inc	45.75	47.61†	- 0.12	5.60
Sm Cos	82.90	88.19	- 0.04	1.55
Spec Sits	100.91	107.35†	+ 0.22	2.19
UK Growth	112.94	120.14	+ 0.18	2.38
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0892 510 033				
British Life	279.40	296.20	...	3.35
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
081 295 2565				
Managed	92.01	97.62†	..	2.28
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	488.78	521.23	- 4.33	0.34
FA America (Acc)	572.80	609.37	- 5.07	0.34
FA UK Equity Inc	145.45	155.08	- 0.10	3.74
FA Japan	238.80	254.05	+ 2.75	...

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 246 3007 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.34	41.31	- 0.25	6.30
European Growth	255.77	271.42	- 2.12	0.90
Exempt	485.99	517.03†	- 0.34	3.70
Global Em Mkts	78.11	84.30	- 1.90	0.00
Japan Tst	72.84	77.30	+ 0.17	..
Little Dragons	75.42	80.44	- 1.08	..
Nth Amer Gwth	215.71	229.67†	- 1.88	0.71
Oriental Income	40.59	43.29	- 0.51	1.8
Preference	124.14	132.77	- 0.84	8.8
Tiger	232.62	248.12	- 2.58	..
(Accum Units)	244.39	260.69	- 2.72	..
UK Blue Chip	57.89	61.48†	- 0.09	3.2
UK Growth	473.21	506.10†	- 2.10	2.9
UK High Yield	96.96	103.05†	+ 0.18	3.8
(Accum Units)	312.64	334.37†	+ 0.57	3.8
UK Mid-Cap	242.50	258.35	+ 0.16	2.3
UK Smlr Cos	97.83	104.41	- 0.15	1.7
UK Smlr Cos Div	87.40	93.47†	- 0.46	5.2
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
0277 690 300				
UK Equity Income	93.13	99.07	+ 0.05	3.5
UK Equity Growth	82.65	88.14	+ 0.04	2.8
European	65.37	69.54	- 0.52	[illegible]
Nth American	65.34	69.51	- 0.33	1.4
Far Eastern	67.02	71.30†	+ 0.04	[illegible]
Money	67.05	67.05†	+ 0.01	[illegible]
Fixed Interest	69.81	74.27	- 0.15	[illegible]
Index Linked Gilt	64.06	68.15	- 0.25	[illegible]
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.0	28.72	- 0.28	..
Pacific Basin	41.47	44.05	- 0.01	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.88	+ 0.00	.
Penny Share	32.60	34.68	+ 0.10	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 600 0482				
Challenger	92.13	94.26	- 0.25	..
Short Dtd Gilt	109.43	111.10	- 0.16	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74		8.84
Gilt Income	48.51	50.48†	- 0.09	7.75
Gilt Growth	66.17	70.65	- 0.25	..
City Reserve	51.98	51.98‡	+ 0.01	5.62
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
081 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.82	50.88		1.20
UK Stockmarket	73.44	78.12	+ 0.37	2.20

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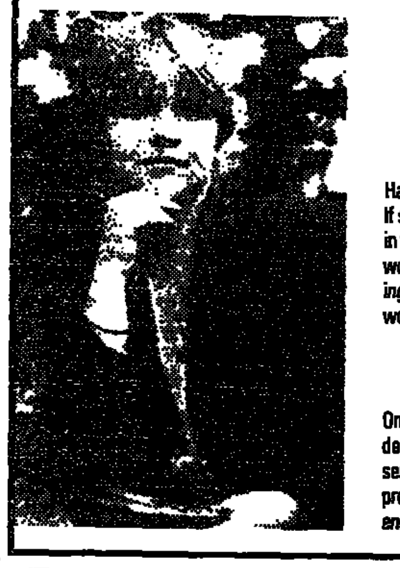

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Manslaughter verdict is not available

Regina v Clegg

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Speeches January 19]

Where, on a charge of murder, a plea of self-defence failed because excessive force had been used, it was not open to the court to convict of manslaughter rather than murder. It made no difference that the force had been used in the prevention of crime or arresting an offender or that the accused was a soldier or police officer acting in the course of his duty.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Lee William Clegg from the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland (Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Kelly and Mr Justice McCollum) who on March 30, 1994 had dismissed his appeal against his conviction on June 4, 1993 by Mr Justice Campbell, sitting without a jury, of murder and the sentence of life imprisonment imposed on him.

The point of law of general public importance certified by the Court of Appeal for consideration by the House of Lords was:

"Where a soldier or police officer in the course of his duty kills a person by firing a shot with the intention of killing or seriously wounding that person and the firing is in self-defence or in defence of another person, or in the prevention of crime, or in effecting or assisting in the lawful arrest of offenders or suspected offenders or of persons unlawfully at large, but constitutes force which is excessive and unreasonable in the circumstances, is he guilty of manslaughter and not murder?"

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, Mr Michael Egan and Mr Stephen Hellman for the appellant; Mr R. G. Weir, QC, of the Northern Ireland and English Bars, and Mr F. E. O'Reilly, of the Northern Ireland Bar, for the Crown.

LORD LLOYD said that on the night of September 30, 1990 the appellant, a private soldier serving with the Parachute Regiment, had been on patrol in Glen Road, West Belfast.

The purpose of the patrol had been to catch joyriders, but that had not been explained to the appellant. The patrol had been divided into four teams or "bricks", brick 11 forming a vehicle checkpoint. The appellant had been in brick 10A further down the road towards Belfast.

As a stolen car had accelerated from brick 11 towards brick 10A, someone in brick 11 had shouted to stop it. All four members of brick 10A had fired at it.

The appellant's evidence had been that he had fired three shots at the windscreen and a fourth shot into the side of the car as it had been passing. According to him, he had fired all four shots because he had thought that a colleague's life was in danger.

However, scientific evidence had shown, and the judge had found as a fact, that the fourth shot had been fired after the car had passed and was already some 50 or 60 feet along the road to Belfast. It had struck a back-seat passenger, Karen Reilly, in the back and had been a significant cause of her death. The judge had found that it had been an aimed shot fired with the intention of causing death or serious bodily harm.

In relation to the first three shots, the judge had accepted that the appellant had fired in self-defence or in defence of his colleague. But in relation to the fourth shot he had found that the appellant could not have been firing in defence of himself or his colleague since, once the car had passed, they had no longer been in any danger.

There had been no suggestion in the appellant's evidence, as the Court of Appeal had pointed out, that he had thought that the driver of the car was a terrorist or that if he escaped he would carry out terrorist offences in the future. In those circumstances, the use of lethal force to arrest the driver had, in the court's view, been "so grossly disproportionate to the mischief to be averted" that any tribunal of fact would have been bound to find that the force used had been unreasonable.

The court had, however, observed: "It is right that [the appellant] should be convicted in respect of the unlawful killing of Karen Reilly and that he should receive a just punishment for committing that offence which ended a young life and caused great sorrow to her parents and relatives and friends.

"But this court considers, and we believe that many other fair minded citizens would share this view, that the law would be much fairer if it had been open to the trial judge to have convicted [the appellant] of the lesser crime of manslaughter on the ground that he did not kill Karen Reilly from an evil motive but because, his duties as a soldier having placed him on the Glen Road armed with a high velocity rifle, he reacted wrongly to a situation which suddenly confronted him in the course of his duties.

"Whilst it is right that he should be convicted . . . a law which would permit a conviction for manslaughter would reflect more clearly the nature of the offence which he had committed."

Strictly speaking, the question whether the law allowed a verdict of manslaughter instead of murder where the force used in self-defence had been excessive did not arise. Since the danger had already passed when the appellant had fired the fourth shot, there could be no question of self-defence.

In *R v Howe* ((1958) 100 CLR 448), decided by the High Court of Australia, the court had held: "Where a plea of self-defence to a charge of murder fails only because the death of the deceased was occasioned by the use of force going beyond what was necessary in the circumstances for the protection of the accused or what might reasonably be regarded by him as necessary in the circumstances, it is, in the absence of clear and definite decision, reasonable in principle to regard such a homicide as reduced to manslaughter."

Twelve years later, however, Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest, giving the opinion of the Privy Council on an appeal from the Supreme Court of Jamaica in *Palmer v The Queen* ([1971] AC 814, 832), had declined to follow *Howe*. He had said: ". . . if the prosecution have shown that what was done was not done in self-defence then that issue is eliminated from the case. If the jury consider that the accused acted in self-defence or if the jury are in doubt as to this then they will acquit. The defence of self-defence either succeeds so as to result in an acquittal or it is disproved in which case as a defence it is rejected."

The law of England had now to be taken to be settled in accordance with that decision.

As to whether there was any distinction to be made between excessive force in self-defence and excessive force in the prevention of crime or arresting offenders, his Lordship did not think it possible to say that a person who used excessive force in preventing crime was always, or even generally, less culpable than a person who used excessive force in self-defence.

In any event, it would not be practicable to draw a distinction between the two defences, since they so often overlapped. The degree of permissible force and the consequences of excessive force should be the same in both cases.

The argument in favour of making an exception to the general rule in the case of a member of the security forces acting in the course of his duty had been put with great force by Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, Attorney-General, in the course of his submissions in *Attorney-General for Northern Ireland's Reference (No 1 of 1975)* ([1977] AC 105, 112).

The special position of a soldier in Northern Ireland was reflected in Lord Diplock's speech (at pp136-137). His Lordship would particularly emphasise the last sentence: "For the performance of [his] duty he is armed with a firearm . . . from which a bullet, if it hits the human body, is almost certain to cause serious injury if not death."

In most cases of a person acting in self-defence, or a police officer arresting an offender, there was a choice as to the degree of force to be used, even if it was a choice that had to be exercised on the spur of the moment, without time for measured reflection.

But in the case of a soldier in Northern Ireland, in the circumstances in which the appellant had found himself, there was no scope for graduated force. The only choice lay between firing a high velocity rifle that, if aimed accurately, was almost certain to kill or injure and doing nothing.

Should the law be changed? The Criminal Law Revision Committee in its fourteenth report in 1980 (Cmnd 7844) had recommended, in paragraph 73: "Where a person kills in a situation in which it is reasonable for some force to be used in self-defence or in the prevention of crime but the defendant uses excessive force, he should be liable to be convicted of manslaughter not murder if, at the time of the act, he honestly believed that the force he used was reasonable in the circumstances. . ."

Similar recommendations had been made by the Law Commission (*A Criminal Code for England and Wales* (1989 (Law Com No 177) vol 1, paragraph 59) and the House of Lords Select Committee on Murder and Life Imprisonment (Session 1988-89, HL Paper 78-I).

Those recommendations were all one way and were entitled to great weight, but Parliament had not yet acted on them. The question thus arose whether the House of Lords could itself develop the law along the lines recommended, without waiting for the legislature.

Like Lord Simon of Glaisdale in *DPP for Northern Ireland v Lynch* ([1975] AC 653, 695-696), his Lordship was not averse to judges developing law, or indeed making new law, when they could see their way clearly, even where questions of social policy were involved.

A good recent example would be the affirmation by the House of Lords of the decision of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, that a man could be guilty of raping his wife (*R v R* ([1992] 1 AC 599)).

But in the present case his Lordship was in no doubt that their Lordships should abstain from law making. The reduction of what would otherwise be murder to manslaughter in a particular class of case seemed to him essentially a matter for decision by the legislature and not by the House in its judicial capacity.

The point in issue was, in truth, part of, or closely related to, a much wider issue, whether the mandatory life sentence for murder should still be maintained. That wider issue could only be decided by Parliament.

Lord Keith, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn and Lord Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Bassra Solicitors, Bradford; DPP for Northern Ireland, Belfast.

Relevance of facts needed to start time running

Hallam-Eames and Others v Merrett and Others

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Lord Justice Saville

[Reasons January 13]

Where a plaintiff sought to rely on the extended limitation period provided by section 14A of the Limitation Act 1980, as inserted by the Latent Damage Act 1986, he was required, within the meaning of section 14A(8)(a), to have knowledge of those facts which were causally relevant for the purposes of an allegation of negligence.

Knowledge merely that the relevant damage had been caused by an act or omission of the defendant was insufficient to start time running against the plaintiff.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by William Hallam-Eames and other plaintiff names at Lloyd's from Mr Justice Gatehouse who had made declarations on summonses issued by the defendants, Merrett Syndicates Ltd, and other specified agencies, Mr Stephen Merrett and Ernst & Whinney, under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court that certain claims in tort arising out of the plaintiff's losses as members of Syndicates 418/417 were statute barred.

The claims related to:

1 Certain run-off policies written allegedly negligently between 1978 and 1983 reinsuring other Lloyd's syndicates against their outstanding and future liabilities thereby exposing the plaintiffs to enormous potential liabilities, when, as it was asserted, the underwriter did not have the material on which to form any reasonable view of what they would be;

2 Reinsurance to close (RITC) contracts by which the accounts for the years 1979 to 1984 were closed by the outstanding liabilities being reinsured by syndicate members for the succeeding year. It was asserted that the underwriters did not have the material on which to make any rational assessment of the potential liabilities of the year being closed and that the auditors were negligent in certifying that the accounts on which the RITCs were based reflected a true and fair view of the syndicates' incurred but not reported liabilities.

Mr Anthony Boswood, QC and Mr Brian Doctor for the plaintiffs; Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Mr Mark Howard for Ernst & Whinney; Mr Roger Toulson, QC and Mr Colin Edelman for the members' agents; Mr Anthony Temple, QC, Mr John Rowland and Mr Aidan Christie for the Merrett defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the first writ had been issued in 1993 so that all claims except the RITC by which 1984 was closed into 1985, which took place in 1987, were prima facie barred by the six-year limitation period in the Limitation Act 1980.

His Lordship referred to section 14A on which the plaintiffs relied, which by subsection (6) provided that the knowledge required for bringing an action in respect of the relevant damage meant "knowledge both (a) of the material facts about the damage in respect of which damages are claimed, and (b) of the other facts relevant to the current action mentioned in subsection (8)."

Subsection (8) provided that such other facts were, inter alia, "(a) that the damage was attributable in whole or in part to the act or omission which is alleged to constitute negligence".

The defendants contended that all the plaintiffs could reasonably have been expected to acquire the requisite knowledge from documents, in particular the annual syndicates' reports and accounts for the years 1981 to 1988 and a letter dated April 18, 1985, which had been supplied to the names more than three years before the issue of the first writ.

The judge found that those documents would have told the names that they had suffered losses sufficiently serious to justify instituting proceedings and that the knowledge requirement of section 14A(6)(a) was therefore satisfied.

Section 14A was based on sections 11 and 14 of the Limitation Act 1980 and subsections (8)(a) and (9) together mirrored the language of section 14(1)(b). It was, therefore, accepted that the authorities on the latter section were equally applicable to section 14A(8)(a).

His Lordship referred to the most recent of such authorities: *Broadley v Guy Clapham & Co* ([1993] 4 Med LR 328) and *Dobbie v Medway Health Authority* (*The Times* May 18, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 1234), which had been interpreted by the judge to mean that a plaintiff need only have known that his damage had been caused by an act or omission of the defendant.

The judge had held that the documents had informed the names that they had suffered substantial losses in consequence of the run-off contracts entered into by the managing agents and that they had knowledge that they had suffered losses because of the liabilities incurred on the RITCs being substantially greater than the premiums fixed by the managing agents and that the RITCs were based on the accounts certified by the auditors.

Knowledge of those facts was, he said, sufficient to satisfy section 14A(8)(a).

That was an over-simplification of the reasoning in the two authorities. The statute spoke of the damage being attributable to "the act or omission which is alleged to constitute negligence". In other words, the act or omission of which the plaintiff had to have knowledge had to be that which was causally relevant for the purposes of an allegation of negligence.

The plaintiff did not have to know that he had a cause of action or that the defendant's acts could be characterised in law as negligent or as falling short of some standard of professional or other bahaviour. But the words "which is alleged to constitute negligence" served to identify the facts of which the plaintiff must have knowledge.

What therefore were the facts which constituted the negligence of which the names complained ? In the court's view it would be incomplete to say that it was the writing of the run-off reinsurance policies or the RITCs or the certification of the syndicate accounts.

It was necessary to add the allegation that the run-off policies and the RITCs exposed the names to potentially huge liabilites and that the certified accounts attributed values to incurred but not reported liabilities, none of which were in fact capable of reasonable quantification.

Mr Temple had drawn attention to the facts ascertainable from the syndicate accounts and the letter of April 18, 1985 and had said that even if the plaintiffs were correct about the knowledge needed to satisfy section 14A(8)(a) they were well over the threshold.

On a full investigation of what the plaintiffs knew or could reasonably have ascertained, Mr Temple might well be right but the court did not think that the documents alone enabled it to make such a finding now.

In relation to the run-off policies it was well arguable that the terms of the letter of April 18, 1985 should have prompted names to inquire into the precise circumstances in which the policies were written.

However, the court was unwilling to hold on the strength of the letter alone that it amounted to constructive knowledge that the risks reinsured were not reasonably quantifiable. The names were entitled to an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the writing of the letter and the other information which they were being given before it could be said that the letter made the relevant facts ascertainable.

The judge unduly restricted the facts which section 14A(8)(a) required to be known and the material before him did not enable him or the appellate court to decide under Order 14A or as a preliminary issue that the claims were statute barred. The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: More Fisher Brown; McKenna & Co; Oswald Hickson Collier & Co; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

Consultation failure makes parking zone decision invalid

Regina v Camden London Borough Council, Ex parte *Cran and Others*

Before Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment January 11]

Where a local authority failed adequately to consult residents on the introduction in their area of a controlled parking zone that designation would be quashed.

Mr Justice McCullough so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when allowing an application under Part VI of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 by 10 residents of the Primrose Hill area of London acting in person and led by Mr Mark Cran, QC, against the decision of the London Borough of Camden on July 14, 1993 to make a designation order under the 1984 Act introducing a contolled parking zone (CPZ) in Primrose Hill.

The applicants, all members of the Primrose Hill Action Group, contended, *inter alia*, that the council had been so determined to introduce a CPZ in accordance with its policy of progressively introducing them throughout the borough, that it had failed to consider whether the policy ought to be modified for Primrose Hill, had failed to consult residents and businesses about the need for such a scheme and had failed to give them an opportunity to present alternative proposals.

The introduction of the scheme was, the applicants said, a revenue raising exercise not permitted under the 1984 Act.

Mr Mark Cran, QC and other applicants in person; Mr Stephen Hockman, QC and Mr Peter Harrison for the council.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that there were many issues of fact between the parties many of which had to be resolved before the course of the decision making process could be ascertained. It was not, however, for the court to decide whether or not there ought to be a CPZ in Primrose Hill but to decide whether the order creating the CPZ was lawfully made.

Prominent among the questions raised by the applicant was the extent to which the council might lawfully aim to make a profit from the introduction of a CPZ.

After considering the relevant legislation and evidence, his Lordship accepted the applicants' submission that Parliament had intended that in setting charges to be made in pursuance of the designation of parking places, local authorities should not have regard to the manner in which section 55(4) of the 1984 Act would allow any resulting surplus to be spent; the section only came into play if there happened to be a surplus at the end of the year.

Manifestly, the same would apply to the decision whether or not to make a CPZ designation order.

On the question of whether the council had acted unlawfully in relation to the financial considerations, his Lordship would not, on the basis of the evidence, conclude that the council had taken into account anything which it ought not to or had failed to take into account any factor that it should, or that it had misunderstood or misapplied the law, or reached a conclusion which no local authority could properly have reached.

His Lordship, however, considered the evidence on consultation and concluded that it was clear that what the applicants had had to say had sometimes been ignored by the traffic management division and sometimes incompletely reported to the committee and always accompanied by assertions intended to lead the committee to reject as unsuitable what the group was reported to have suggested.

By contrast, the benefits that it was said would flow from a full CPZ were always emphasised. There had been no recognition of the possibility let alone the fact that a number of the beneficial results of introducing full controls might have been as well achieved by other means.

His Lordship said that while one could not expect perfection in the field of local government administration, affected citizens and representative organisations were entitled to expect objectivity in those whose duty it was to convey to the decision-makers what they had suggested.

The representatives of residents and businesses were entitled to expect much better treatment than they got and in particular they should have been consulted at the beginning before the mind of the respondent had been made up.

Allegations that were being made about the lawfulness of making so much profit from the counsil's CPZs raised serious issues which were entitled to consideration: that consideration had never been given.

The applicants did not have to demonstrate that the decision would have gone the other way. It was enough that there was a significant risk that it might. The applicants had been substantially prejudiced by the defects in the consultation process.

The application succeeded and the designation would be quashed. The process of consultation would have to start again and the differing views and suggestion considered and evaluated in a spirit of respectful mutual cooperation.

Solicitors: Ms Amanda Kelly, Camden.

Refugee cannot be detained pending decision

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte Khan Same v Same, Ex parte Virk Same v Same, Ex parte Singh Same v Same, Ex parte Taggar

Before Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment January 16]

Where a claim had been made for political asylum, there was no power of detention by an immigration officer under paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 until the applicant had been notified of the Home Secretary's decision on the claim.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing applications for writs of habeas corpus by Rehmat Khan, Parmjett Singh Virk, Inderpal Singh and Pal Taggar. The applicants, who were all illegal immigrants within section 33 of the 1971 Act, had sought political asylum before their detention under paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the Act. The applicants submitted that there was no power to detain them under either paragraph 16(1) or (2).

Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr Arthur Blake for Mr Khan, Mr Virk and Mr Singh; Mr Sibghat Kadri, QC and Mr Terence Gallivan for Mr Taggar; Mr Robert Jay and Mr Steven Kovats for the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE DYSON said that the legislation had to be given its ordinary meaning: The prohibition on removal in section 6 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993, once a person had made a claim for political asylum, was of general application.

Its effect was that while a claim for asylum was being considered no removal directions under paragraph 8 or 9 of Schedule 2 could be given. The power to detain under paragraph 16(2) was ancillary to those directions being given.

The immigration officer had no power to detain at the time under paragraph 16(2) since none of the four was a person in respect of whom directions for removal could at that time have been given.

There was also no power to detain available under paragraph 16(1). It was a prerequisite for lawful detention under that subparagraph that a detainee might be required to submit to an examination under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act.

The power to examine under paragraph 2 was exercised by an immigration officer in relation to the need for and the grant or refusal of leave to enter.

As a matter of common sense when an illegal entrant who had already entered the United Kingdom in breach of immigration law applied for political asylum he was not applying for leave to enter, as he had already entered, but was applying for leave to remain.

In his Lordship's view there was no power therefore to require detention under the subparagraph as none of the applicants could have been required to submit to an examination by the immigration officer.

Solicitors: Maliks, Manchester; K. C. Cohen & Rhodes, Leeds; *Treasury Solicitor*.

Loss of time advice was plainly wrong

Regina v Morley

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment January 20]

Where an applicant had been granted leave to appeal by a single judge the Court of Appeal never made a loss of time order against the applicant. Nor, except in very rare circumstances, would it do so where counsel had advised that there were arguable grounds of appeal.

The Court of Appeal so stated in treating as a nullity a notice of abandonment signed by Terry Dennis Morley purporting to abandon his appeal against five concurrent sentences of 30 months' detention in a young offender institution on his plea of guilty in September 1994 at Lincoln Crown Court (Judge O'Rourke) to five counts of burglary.

The Court of Appeal has power under section 29 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 to discourage frivolous or vexatious appeals by making an order that time spent in custody by the appellant or applicant for leave for appeal since the commencement of appeal proceedings shall not count towards service of any custodial sentence imposed by the crown court.

Mr Alexander Dunn for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said that in order to treat a notice of abandonment as a nullity the court had to be satisfied that the mind of the applicant did not go with his act of abandonment.

The applicant gave evidence that, having been granted leave to appeal by the single judge, he had signed a notice of abandonment because he had been told by a member of staff at the secure unit where he was being held, and also by an inmate, that he risked time served between his application and the hearing of the appeal being disallowed.

The court had had no opportunity to ascertain whether that was in fact the case but there was no reason to disbelieve the applicant's evidence.

It was a matter of great concern to their Lordships that such advice should have been given to him by a member of staff.

In those circumstances his application to treat his notice of abandonment as a nullity would be granted.

Solicitors: Johnson Partnership, Nottingham.

Power of judges to make legal aid orders for counsel

Practice Direction (Crown court: Counsel)

Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, with Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Judge on January 16 handed down the following practice direction, made consequent upon the amendment of the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 334) by the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1994 No 3136), in connection with the making of legal aid orders for the services of two counsel or Queen's Counsel alone by a High Court or circuit judge in proceedings in the crown court on a charge of murder or in a case of exceptional difficulty, gravity or complexity, or for the services of three counsel by a High Court judge or the anticipated trial judge where the prosecution was being brought by the Serious Fraud Office.

1 Regulation 48(14)(a) of the 1989 Regulations, as amended, empowered a High Court judge or a circuit judge to make, or subsequently amend, a legal aid order to provide for the services of two counsel (a two counsel order) or a Queen's Counsel alone in proceedings in the crown court in the terms set out in that paragraph.

2 Regulation 48(14)(b) of the 1989 Regulations, as amended, empowered a High Court judge or the anticipated trial judge to make, or subsequently amend, a legal aid order to provide, where the prosecution was being brought by the Serious Fraud Office, for the services of three counsel (a three counsel order) in proceedings in the crown court in the terms set out in that paragraph.

3 An application for a two counsel order, Queen's Counsel alone or any subsequent amendment made to the crown court should be placed before the resident or designated judge of that crown court, or, in his absence, a judge nominated by a presiding judge of the circuit, who should determine the application, save that where the application related to a case which was to be heard before a named High Court judge or a named circuit judge, he should refer the application to the named judge for determination.

4 Paragraph 3 above should not apply where an application for a two counsel order was made either during a pre-trial review or during a trial when it should be for the judge seised of the case to determine the application.

5 In the event of any doubt as to the proper application of this direction, reference should be made by the judge concerned to a presiding judge of the circuit who should give such directions as he though fit.

6 *Practice Direction (Crown court: Two counsel order)* (*The Times* June 6, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 618) was hereby withdrawn.

Appeal misconceived

In re W (a Minor) (Welfare reports: Appeals)

An appeal should never have been brought in family proceedings against a request by a judge for a court welfare officer to prepare a report on a child.

That a matter entirely within his discretion.

The mother was seeking an order that her daughter's contact with her natural father be ended and it could not be said that the judge was plainly wrong to make such a request even though it would result in some delay in the case being heard.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Nourse) so held on January 16 when dismissing a mother's appeal from a direction made by Judge Batterbury in November 1994, under section 7 of the Children Act 1989, in the course of proceedings for a prohibited steps order in relation to her child aged ten.

Too many experts

Rawlinson v Westbrook and Another

To save litigants from their own folly, the Rules of the Supreme Court should be amended so as to make provision to enable judges and masters to refuse to allow any expert evidence to be given at the trial of an action.

Lord Justice Staughton so stated when sitting in the Court of of Appeal on December 9 with Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Leggatt dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Ian Rawlinson, a chartered surveyor, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Morritt in November 1992 of his claim to entitlement to fees on a quantum meruit basis for providing his services to the defendants' practice of surveyors, known as Frank Westbrook.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Order 38, rule 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court allowed a judge to limit the number of experts but not to exclude such evidence altogether.

As a result judges and masters were frequently forced to observe the spectacle of litigants like lemmings rushing to their own doom by engaging too many and unnecessary experts.

The taxed costs of the hearing before the judge in the instant case were totally absurd.

There had been no need for any expert evidence to be called at all: both the parties were chartered surveyors who could have given the relevant evidence themselves.

But every litigant thought, or at least his solicitor did, that he had to have at least one expert called to give evidence for him. It was high time that the courts were given power to refuse to allow such evidence to be called.

Steps for speeding up civil litigation

Practice Direction (Civil litigation: Case management)

Moves to speed up civil litigation and cut costs were announced by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, and Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, in *Practice Direction (Case management) (Civil)* handed down by the Lord Chief Justice in the High Court on January 24.

1 The paramount importance of reducing the cost and delay of civil litigation made it necessary for judges sitting at first instance to assert greater control over the preparation for and conduct of hearings than had hitherto been customary.

Failure by practitioners to conduct cases economically would be visited by appropriate orders for costs, including wasted costs orders.

2 The court would accordingly exercise its discretion to limit: (a) discovery; (b) the length of oral submissions; (c) the time allowed for the examination and cross-examination of witnesses; (d) the issues on which it wished to be addressed; (e) reading aloud from documents and authorities.

3 Unless otherwise ordered, every witness statement was to stand as the evidence-in-chief of the witness concerned.

4 Order 18, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (facts, not evidence, to be pleaded) would be strictly enforced. In advance of trial parties should use their best endeavours to agree which were the issues or the main issues, and it was their duty so far as possible to reduce or eliminate the expert issues.

5 Order 34, rule 10(2)(a)(b)(c) of the Rules of the Supreme Court (the court bundle) would also be strictly enforced. Documents for use in court should be in the A4 format where possible, contained in suitably secured bundles, and lodged with the court at least two clear days before the hearing of the application or a trial. Each bundle should be paginated, indexed, wholly legible, and arranged chronologically and contained in a ring binder or a lever-arch file. Where documents were copied unnecessarily or bundled incompetently, the cost would be disallowed.

6 In cases estimated to last for more than 10 days, a pre-trial review should be applied for or, in default, might be appointed by the court. It should when practicable be conducted by the trial judge between eight and four weeks before the date of trial and should be anended by the advocates who were to represent the parties at trial.

7 Unless the court otherwise ordered, there must be lodged with the listing officer (or equivalent) on behalf of each party no later than two months before the date of trial a completed pre-trial check-list in the form annexed to the *Practice Direction*.

8 Not less than three clear days before the hearing of any action or application each party should lodge with the court (with copies to other parties) a skeleton argument concisely summarising that party's submissions in relation to each of the issues, and citing the main authorities relied on, which could be attached. Skeleton arguments should be as brief as the nature of the issues allowed, and should not without leave of the court exceed 20 pages of double-spaced A4 paper.

9 The opening speech should be succinct. At its conclusion, other parties might be invited briefly to amplify their skeleton arguments. In a heavy case the court might in conjunction with final speeches require written submissions, including the findings of fact for which each party contended.

10 This *Practice Direction* applied to all lists in the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions, except where other directions specifically applied.

Pre-trial check-list

[Short title of action]
[Folio number]
[Trial date]
[Party lodging check-list]
[Name of solicitor]
[Name(s) of counsel for trial (if known)]

Setting Down

1 Has the action been set down?

Pleadings

2 (a) Do you intend to make any amendment to your pleading? (b) If so, when?

Interrogatories

3 (a) Are any interrogatories outstanding? (b) If so, when served and upon whom?

Evidence

4 (a) Have all orders in relation to expert, factual and hearsay evidence been complied with? If not, specify what remains outstanding. (b) Do you intend to serve/seek leave to serve any further report or statement? If so, when and what report or statement? (c) Have all other orders in relation to oral evidence been complied with? (d) Do you require any further leave or orders in relation to evidence? If so, please specify and say when you will apply.

5 (a) What witnesses of fact do you intend to call? [names] (b) What expert witnesses do you intend to call? [names] (c) Will any witness require an interpreter? If so which?

Documents

6 (a) Have all orders in relation to discovery been complied with? (b) If not, what orders are outstanding? (c) Do you intend to apply for any further orders relating to discovery? (d) If so, what and when?

7 Will you not later than seven days before trial have prepared agreed paginated bundles of fully legible documents for the use of counsel and the court.

Pre-trial review

8 (a) Has a pre-trial review been ordered? (b) If so, when is it to take place? (c) If not, would it be useful to have one?

Length of trial

9 What are counsel's estimates of the minimum and maximum lengths of the trial? [The answer to question 9 should ordinarily be supported by an estimate of length signed by the counsel to be instructed.]

Alternative dispute resolution (see *Practice Statement (Commercial Court: Alternative dispute resolution)* (*The Times* December 17, 1993; [1994] 1 WLR 14).

10 Have you or counsel discussed with your client(s) the possibility of attempting to resolve this dispute (or particular issues) by alternative dispute resolution?

11 Might some form of alternative dispute resolution procedure to resolve or narrow the issues in this case?

12 Have you or your client(s) explored with the other parties the possibility of resolving this dispute (or particular issues) by alternative dispute resolution?

[Signature of solicitor, date]

Note: This check-list must be lodged not later than two months before the date of hearing with copies to the other parties.

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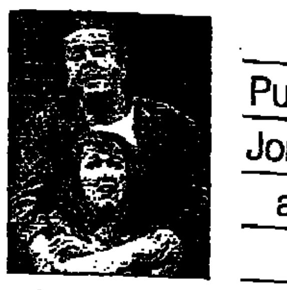

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Put another nickel in the Jonathan Miller jukebox, and ENO's Rigoletto spins round again

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One artist plans his remembrance of 1945, spread across five European cities

Fortissimo Britain lacks a piano

Richard Morrison reports on a new survey that reveals a nation full of enthusiastic musicians, but also a shift in instrumental allegiances

Rumours that Britain is disintegrating into yob culture are much exaggerated, it seems. Yesterday a report was published which suggests that, far from wanting to express ourselves by hurling bricks through shop windows after consuming ten pints of lager, many of us like nothing better than to spend a quiet evening with our trombone, or in mastering the tricky left-hand semiquavers in that Beethoven sonata we first attempted in 1982.

Yes, nearly 15 million people in Britain — *das Land ohne Musik*, as the Germans used to sneer — claim to play a musical instrument. That's not quite the same thing as claiming to play an instrument musically, as anybody who has sat in the ranks of one of our less refined wind bands will attest. But it's a start. The figure breaks down to 26 per cent (11.8 million) of the adult population and 45 per cent (3.1 million) of all children aged under 15.

Nor is this an untutored rabble. Three-quarters of those 15 million claim that they had instrumental teaching at some time, even if it was only a courageous primary-school teacher attempting to demonstrate to a class of 35 seven-year-olds the correct fingering for F sharp on the recorder.

This is cheering, if surprising, news. Where do all these people play? Britain has hundreds of brass bands and amateur orchestras — but 15 million instrumentalists would fill an awful lot of village halls, and leave almost no room for badminton and bingo. And what of the six million people in Britain who claim to play the piano? Where do they all hide when somebody suggests a singsong at a party?

Perhaps, then, these new statistics should be treated a shade cautiously. After all, they come from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. The Board is, of course, a body of unimpeachable integrity. After all, it is responsible for turning 350,000 British citizens each year into quivering jellies with its famously uncompromising graded exams. But it does also have a strong vested interest in promoting amateur music-making.

However, its findings — published yesterday as *Making Music* — do seem well-founded. Research was undertaken over 18 months and based on a sample of more than 4,600 adults and children. And although the report seems to indicate that we are a nation obsessed with blowing, scraping, plucking or banging our way through life, it does also highlight less positive trends.

For instance, while many children learn an instrument at primary school (predominantly the recorder) there is a big dropout rate thereafter. Some 59 per cent of all nine-year-olds play. This declines to 42 per cent of 14-year-olds, 32 per cent of those aged 21 to 24, and then ever downwards, until just 22 per cent of the over-45s confess to an instrumental tendency. Evidence that music is a young person's game? Or simply a sign that older people are more honest about their ability to play music?

Either way, Richard Morris, the Associated Board chief executive, laments the turning away from instruments as children enter adolescence. "If we could push back that peak playing period from nine to 12, more children would be hooked on music for life," he claims. As one might expect, far more girls than boys play instruments (51 per cent of girls; 39 per cent of boys), though among adults the numbers are roughly even.

The other worrying trend is, to quote the Board's words, "an absolute decline in piano playing" among the young. Whereas 12 per cent of all adults profess to tinkle the ivories, only eight per cent of children do — and many of them can be expected to drop the instrument before they reach adulthood. It is, remarks Morris, "a pretty massive move away from the piano" among the young, and it seems clear what has caused it: the rise of the electronic keyboard, which is now the second most played instrument (after the recorder) among children. As for the guitar, electric or acoustic — without which no teenage bedroom was complete in the 1960s (and which is second in popularity only to the piano among adults) — that, too, has largely been spurned by today's children.

Is the rise of the musical microchip — boosted by the synthesizer-dominated pop world — a bad thing? Not necessarily. After all, £200 will bring a respectable electronic keyboard into homes and classrooms that could not contemplate spending the £1,000 or more needed for a half-decent upright piano. And you could argue that the palette of different timbres available on an electronic keyboard teaches children more about creating sound than an old-fashioned steam piano would.

What's more, the electronic keyboard, if equipped with headphones, can be taught in large classes. However, the Board's view — traditional or "stuffy" depending on your stance — is that the electronic keyboard is taught neither well enough nor widely enough at present; and you will not find it listed alongside flugel-horn or free-bass accordion among the 30 instruments on which the Board offers examinations.

Overall, the report does offer statistical confirmation of what anecdotal evidence suggests: that in the last 30 years, thanks to the boom in county youth orchestras and bands, Britain has experienced a glorious explosion of instrumental learning and achievement. The question now is whether this grass-roots revolution can be kept up.

County and borough music services have been hit not only by local-government cuts but also by the policy of "local management of schools", which devolved funds away from centralised services such as county music centres and into individual schools' budgets. Recent research indicates that the damage to the instrumental teaching network is as yet limited. The Board still has more than 50,000 British music teachers on its register.

What does seem clear, however, is that instrumental playing has increasingly become the monopoly of middle-class families. That is hardly surprising. Music lessons, even from your basic old battleaxe round the corner, now cost around £18 an hour; a child's violin or trumpet will set you back several hundred pounds; on top of that come exam fees and, of course, sheet music purchases.

But let us end on a cheery note. The quality of the nation's instrumental playing is rising faster than a B flat minor arpeggio in the hands of a Grade VIII pianist. And that's official. The Board, which has deliberately kept its standards constant, finds that the number of candidates sailing through those set-pieces and fiendish sight-reading tests is ever increasing. "More and more people are getting distinction in Grade VIII," says Morris. "Years ago, that would automatically have given you admission to music college. Now it's the minimum requirement."

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> ‘We blow, scrape, bang and pluck our way through life’

LONDON THEATRE: Vivid tale of French peasants — and life

Talking sense in tongues

The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol
Shaftesbury

WHAT next — the People Show at the Haymarket, with what the publicity bumf for the current London Mime Festival calls its "cool jazz, perverse desire and anarchic humour"? Not quite, not yet, *Benedict Nightingale writes.*

But something must be changing when a single week sees the arrival of two of our most adventurous companies in the old West End. Tonight, Cheek by Jowl reopens its all-male *As You Like It* at the Albery, while Theatre de Complicite continues to recover its breath after a rapturous reception at the Shaftesbury on Monday.

A rapturous Shaftesbury? That sounds as likely as what Shakespeare's Theseus called hot ice and wondrous strange snow. I suppose the explanation may be that most of those packing that vast, charmless theatre were friends of the cast, Complicite being the sort of company that attracts devotees the way Christmas attracts children.

The troupe has an imaginative generosity hard to resist, and its adaptation of John Berger's tale of French peasants combines this with greater narrative clarity than was to be found on its other recent productions, the impressionistic *Street of Crocodiles* and *Out of a House Walked a Man*.

Not that Complicite is pandering to the West End punter. If anything, the opposite is true, for the performers sometimes express emotion by bursting into their native tongues, which in several cases are German or French. I do not remember as much of that at the show's premiere in Manchester a year ago.

I do, however, recall a *Lucie Cabrol* that was still unfinished, still evolving, and in Lilo Baur had a protagonist I found myself comparing unfavourably to Kathryn Hunter, who had been the company's prime choice when it wanted someone to play tiny, fierce, charismatic women.

WELL, Simon McBurney's production has gained assurance without losing its freshness, and Baur, if not as vibrant a being as Berger created, has a tough-heartedness all her own. In the first of her "three lives", we see her on the farm: working, being bullied by a brother, helping a member of the Resistance, running amok when he is killed, and being rejected by her lover, McBurney's rumpled, sheepish Jean.

In the second, he returns to the village after long, empty years abroad to find Lucie transformed into a sort of smuggler-hermit, living off nature and her wits. In the last, she is dead, yet still resilient, still looking like a truculent hobgoblin, and in command of the mind of a Jean well aware he renounced love when he left her.

To say there are strong visual effects is hardly necessary. At this stage in its history Complicite does not find it hard to mime pigs or berry-laiden trees, or evoke a troubled farm with the help of a few pails, a lot of earth and the odd bit of hurly-burly, or even bring a whole set crashing down when something apocalyptic is needed. What matters is that the bravura is a means to an end, which is to deplore human waste and celebrate the spirit of survival and its attendant virtues: industry, resourcefulness, shrewdness, courage and loyalty. There is no more inspiriting show in town.

DONALD COOPER

Lilo Baur and Simon McBurney in a scene from Theatre de Complicite's inspiring *The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol*

MIME

Jolly noisy japes

THE Umbilical Brothers are the comic double act from Down Under who inject mime with modern zip. Their kit is vest and jeans after briefly grooving in their boxer shorts, absurdly springing on the spot like punk guitarists in a PE class. Certainly they have got the tricks of the old school of mime under their belts. There is that imaginary bird landing on the hand, and the old cuisine scene with the obligatory tossing of implied frying pans.

But their art has gone techno. The Brothers have got a microphone. And they can use their mouths, to talk but more phenomenally for sound effects. Every time they take a sticky-soled step, we hear treacly noises. Accelerating, they coordinate a flurry of feet with the orally re-created raps, stamps and shuffles of tap-shoes. One of them conjures up a battle with a Goliath-size enemy — his armoury escalating from slings and arrows to nuclear gizmos — or getting knocked for six by a bluebottle, while his partner is rattling through a cacophony of whistles, smacks, bangs and buzzing.

DONALD COOPER

The Umbilical Brothers, now with added high-tech

Umbilical Brothers
Purcell Room

The humour has a childishness about it. It's clearly cartoony. Laughs are generated from battles with giant globs of snot or unscheduled vacuum-cleaners wandering across the back of scenes. After a time, I had a pang for something more profound. Although the duo ring the changes with glove-puppet sketches and spoof-cabaret numbers, the fights of the mike-and-mime sketches become mildly repetitive.

Yet there is a charming spirit of playfulness, with the audience and each other. The Brothers, winningly self-mocking about being macho and cool, make a witty show of desperate oneupmanship while working in perfect harmony. What gives the silliness an edge is not just their tremendous technical slickness, but also their mildly sick humour. Our hackneyed feathered friend gets a surprise, stroked sentimentally before being smartly polished off for an unconventional fry-up in an unseen pan.

KATE BASSETT

LEEDS THEATRE: Finely drawn beauty

Sea of tranquillity

The Winter Guest
West Yorkshire Playhouse

THE setting is a house on the edge of the sea, somewhere in western Scotland, some time in February. Robin Don's fine set includes a strip of the promenade where two old biddies, dressed in black hats, coats, gloves and shoes because they are off to a funeral, wait for the bus to take them there. Below the railings an ice-covered beach stretches to the grey sea.

A more desolate situation would be hard to imagine, but Elspeth (Phyllida Law), on a visit to her recently widowed daughter, enjoys strong weather. She and Frances (Sian Thomas) are one of the four couples whose lives are briefly opened to us in Sharman Macdonald's elegiac, at times very funny play.

Commissioned, remarkably, by Alan Rickman (who also directs) and Ruby Wax, the play is a co-production with the Almeida Theatre, where it transfers in March. Frances's schoolboy son (Christian Zanone) meets a wildish girl (Arlene Cockburn) on the beach, and invites her to his mother's house where a hot bath warms her but she cuts her feet. Elspeth and Frances skirt around their feelings before edging towards each other. Chloë and Lily (Sandra Voe, Sheila Reid) gossip perkily about the past, the rare treat of a burial after so many cremations, and plan the hot tea they will have when they reach home. Two 12-year-olds (David Evans, John-Ross Morland) build a fire from driftwood, shelter a pair of kittens and wonder if there is some way to bring on puberty.

Only twice is there any overlapping experience between the couples. Elspeth inside the house and Lily on the bench hear a pianist playing "Beautiful Dreamer" in the house next door, and, independent of each other, softly la-la-la the tune. Later Elspeth talks to one of the boys, who asks if he may touch Frances's urchin-cut hair. The first overlap spreads a delicate wistfulness over that section of the play; the boy's request alters the relationship between mother and daughter.

Against its grey, beautifully lit (by Peter Mumford) seascape, the play moves onward like a reverie, its excellent cast and Rickman's sure direction floating rafts of emotion towards us, where they circle for a while and then pass on. Michael Kamen's music steals through the scenes like a gentle ghost.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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LONDON

JACK BRYMER: The English Chamber Orchestra and Medici String Quartet join one of our greatest clarinettists for his 80th birthday celebrations. Ian Watson conducts a programme of Mozart and Weber
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

AS YOU LIKE IT Opening night for Declan Donnellan's excellent all-male production for Cheek by Jowl. Adrian Lester again plays Rosalind, the role that won him an award. Peter Needham plays Touchstone
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). *Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat,* 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

RUSH HOUR AT THE WIGMORE The magnificent fortepianist **Melvyn Tan** provides this week's one-hour of musical scintillation as the Wigmore continues its excellent early evening concert series. Tan teams up with Dutch pianist Ronald Brautigam for a programme of Schubert duets broadcast live on BBC Radio 3
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 6pm ♿

EASTER Opening night for the RSC's first Strindberg play in ten years: a drama of shame, self-pity, penance, clairvoyant joy in nature and the freedom of springtime. Katie Mitchell directs
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) *Tonight, 7pm* ♿

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BROMLEY Have a foot-stamping, toe-tapping good time as **Hot Shoe Shuffle** breezes into town for a two-week stay
Churchill, High Street (0181-460 6677) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Tonight until Feb 11 ♿

COVENTRY The South Seas is the mystical setting for this large-scale music-theatre adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's **The Bottle Imp**, where two lovers try to escape the curse of a demon in a bottle. National tour by Major Road Theatre Co follows
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (01203 524524). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER Look forward with high hopes to the charismatic Michael Sheen in **Look Back in Anger**. Claire Skinner plays the patient Alison, Gregory Hersov directs
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (0161-833 9833). Previews tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. *Until Feb 24* ♿

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Last week of performances for another excellent crop of RSC productions. Adrian Noble directs *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Royal Shakespeare, which also offers Matthew Warchus's *Henry V*, *Measure For Measure* and a knockout *Twelfth Night*. *Over at the Swan, there is Peer Gynt*, John Ford's rarely seen *The Broken Heart*, *Coriolanus* and the Restoration comedy, *The Wives' Excuse*. David Edgar's newest religious/political epic, *Pentecost*, can be seen at The Other Place
Box Office: (01789 295623)

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . **British Museum** Byzantine Treasures from British Collections (0171-636 1555) **Royal Festival Hall**: It's a Pleasure! nine contemporary artists (0171-928 3002) **National Gallery** The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) **National Portrait Gallery** Christina Rossetti (0171-306 0055) **Richard Figan** Poussin Before Rome (0171-930 0020) **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . **Tate** Works on Paper Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites (0171-887 8000) **V & A** Warworks: Women, Photography and the Art of War (0171-938 8500) **Whitechapel**. Worlds in a Box (0171-522 7888)

◩ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'** The Fats Waller musical show: an evening of stomping, tapping, exuberant song and dance
Tricycle, Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm ♿

☐ **BROKEN GLASS** Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1930s wanting to ignore the Nazi menace
National (Lyttelton) South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight, 7.30pm. Platform event tonight, **Oliver Sacks**, *whose work was the inspiration behind The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, 6pm ♿

◩ **CINDERELLA** Lindsay Kemp puts his stamp on the fairy tale, subtitling it "A Gothic Operetta": a dissolute court, foot-fetishism, everything you expect. Produced in association with the London International Mime Festival
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Feb 4, 4pm. Until Feb 4 ♿

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041) *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm*, mats Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-867 1119) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm until Mar 11

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **FEVER PITCH** The one-man show adapted from Nick Hornby's bestselling account of a lifelong obsession — some would say inexplicable — with Arsenal FC. Stephen North stars
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 6.15 and 8.30pm.

☐ **KILLER JOE**: Utterly absorbing shock-drama by Tracy Letts where a trash trailer family virtually annihilates itself by employing a hit-man to kill their unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs the original Chicago production that won a Fringe First at Edinburgh
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **THE LIBERTINE** Stephen Jeffreys's excellent portrait of the life and times of the rakehell Earl of Rochester. In repertoire with *The Man of Mode*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745) Tonight, 7.30pm

☐ **SLAVS!** Tony Kushner's densely packed *serious comedy about the* collapse of Communism. A strong cast find some passion in it but the struggle is hard, comrades.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm ♿

◩ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA** Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath and words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht"
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ♿

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (0171-494 5045) ◩ **Grease** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ☐ **Hamlet**: Gielgud (0171-494 5065) ◩ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Neville's Island** Apollo (0171-494 5070) ■ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . ☐ **On Approval**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) ☐ **Once on This Island**: Island (Royalty), final week (0171-494 5090) ◩ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ◩ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie** Strand, final week (0171-930 8800) ☐ **She Loves Me**, Savoy (0171-836 8888) . ◩ **The Sisters Rosensweig**: Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**, Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ■ **Three Tall Women**: Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

NEW RELEASES

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18) Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Barbican ♿ *(0171-638 8891)* **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

ROUGH DIAMONDS *(PG)* Trials and tribulations of a musically gifted cattle rancher. Bland vehicle for Jason Donovan, directed by Donald Crombie. **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

THE TIN DRUM (18). Volker Schlöndorff's 1979 adaptation of the Günter Grass novel has lost none of its power. With David Bennent as the stunted boy in Hitler's Europe. **Everyman** (0171-435 1525) **NFT** (0171-928 3232)

WELCOME II THE TERRORDOME (18) Crude, despairing, inflammatory vision of the future from young black British film-maker Ngozi Onwurah. **Electric** ♿ (0171-792 2020) **Metro** (0171-437 0757)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15) Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley. **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN (PG) Delectable mosaic of Taipei family life from the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, Ang Lee. **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15) Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast. **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12). Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis. **MGM Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **NFT** (0171-928 3232) **Odeon Mezzanine** ♿ (0426 915683) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **NOSTRADAMUS** (15). Life and prophecies of the 16th-century legend. Preposterous Euro-pudding, with Tcheky Karyo and Amanda Plummer. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

LA REINE MARGOT (18) Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil. **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

SHALLOW GRAVE (18) Danny Boyle's wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. **Gate** ♿ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) *Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148)* **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) *Trocadero (0171-434 0031)* **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun, with Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18) Tedious, violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. Peter Hyams directs. **Empire** ♿ (0800 888911) ♿ **MGMs: Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3303)

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U) Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of "Uncle Vanya" caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast. **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

OPERA: Jonathan Miller's money-spinner returns to the English National Opera repertoire

Never could say goodbye

DONALD COOPER

Fine performances: Michael Lewis makes his ENO debut as Rigoletto, with Rosa Mannion as his daughter Gilda

Rigoletto
Coliseum

PUT another nickel in . . . they keep saying it's for the last time, but this jukebox and this *Rigoletto* spins just the sort of money English National Opera needs. So, 13 years and seven revivals on, Jonathan *Miller's Mafia-land* is back again: the bosses slouch in the shadows, Gilda is caged in her New York tenement — and a new Rigoletto crouches behind the bar.

Michael Lewis is, from the start, a menacing and riveting presence. This is his first Rigoletto for ENO, though he has sung the role for Australian Opera and Opera North, and he certainly knows how to hold centre stage with the best of them. Both diminutive and larger than life, his is a complex, multi-faceted portrayal, inspiring terror, disgust and pity in equal, vascillating measure from the moment of the curse to its final, dreadful recall.

At that moment, his groan of horror re-echoes the sighs, moans and cries which have resonated through his role. Lewis's baritone, moulded by his imagination into an instrument of wide and volatile expressive range, makes us acutely aware of all this in Verdi's writing. The orchestra (conducted by Guido Johannes Rumstadt, making his British debut) supports and sympathises powerfully: tighter ensemble and a real sense of the role of the music as well as *la vendetta* in propelling the action will doubtless come as the run gathers momentum.

Rosa Mannion returns to the cast as Gilda and David Rendall as the Duke. When they are on top form, these are bold, fearless performances with Mannion's luminous soprano reaching out to the furthest edges of Gilda's emotional life and the deepest recesses of the auditorium.

John Connell, with his seemingly bottomless pit of a bass, is one of the most smoulderingly powerful Sparafuciles this production has seen; Sara Fulgoni makes an impressive house debut as Maddalena; and the chorus generously fills the wide canvas of humanity which is the soul, and apparently eternal life, of this production.

HILARY FINCH

POP: A country secret that deserves to be let out of its bag; new vibes from indie favourites

Strong songs change minds over Mattea

Kathy Mattea
Empire, W12

A RELATIVE stranger to mainstream audiences here, despite having twice been named Female Vocalist of the Year by America's Country Music Association, Kathy Mattea is of that school of performers who edged Nashville away from the bland balladeering favoured by many of its most successful sons and daughters in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and paved the way for the more spirited, neo-traditionalist hitmakers of today.

Like Randy Travis, Steve Earle and others then, she contributed significantly to a reshaping of popular perceptions about the genre, allowing such artists as Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Lyle Lovett and Nanci Griffith to reach out to rock and pop fans.

And the puzzle of why her own work remains undervalued beyond the country cognoscenti was answered, at least in part, by this enjoyable and accomplished show, the third and final date of a short visit to Britain.

For Mattea acts as a bridge, not just in generational terms within her industry, but also in stylistic ones. In person a perfect example of the sort of radiant but self-deprecatingly humorous thirtysomething we are used to seeing as the wise-cracking heroine in popular American sitcoms, she has a winning stage presence: confident and warm, never ingratiating. Her voice, too, is strong, a little like Linda Ronstadt's or Carpenter's on her rockier numbers, and with a yearning quality similar to that of Anne Murray on slower songs.

As a non-writer though, her choice of material is crucial to the establishment of her own artistic identity. Often her instinct is spot-on — here she proved how well the work of Scottish folk artist Dougie MacLean or oft-times Judy Collins collaborator Hugh Prestwood suits her, for example. But on the occasions when the lyrical tone is clichéd or banal, spectres of the past rise suddenly, making her seem over-reminiscent of the bouffant-haired female stars of 15 or 20 years ago.

Happily, Mattea's attitude is consistently progressive. To the detriment of her own career in earlier days, she is widely credited as having helped force the famously conservative Nashville establishment to examine its prejudice against homosexuality by resolutely sporting a red ribbon on her lapel wherever she played, and by being the prime mover behind *Red Hot and Country*, the recent multi-artist fund-raising album for Aids charities. "Rock Me On The Water", her own contribution to that set, was a highlight here, as was her version of the Griffith song "Love At The Five And Dime", her breakthrough hit in America.

Meanwhile, selections from her tenth studio album *Walking Away A Winner* — among them "Nobody's Gonna Rain On Our Parade" and "Maybe She's Human" ("my ode to PMT") — suggested that the more contemporary side of her repertoire is growing. If that leads her to crossover success, better late than never.

ALAN JACKSON

Jingle-jangle meaning

Belly
Garage, N1

"WELCOME to our showcase," said Belly's Tanya Donelly, sounding seriously underwhelmed by the prospect of her first British show in two years and the imminent release of a second album, *King*. "These are our new songs and they're, well, easy to learn."

Then, on lead guitar, she picked out the delicate notes to the album's title song, paused for her three cohorts to add a robust beat, and together they tore off into a sunset of jangling melodies.

Hailing from Rhode Island, Belly's brand of engaging indie pop has the quality of a low-key Talking Heads mixed with something altogether weirder. Lyrics mix the hallucinatory with the mundane.

The origin of such weirdness perhaps has something to do with Throwing Muses, a band (led by Donelly's sister, Kristen Hersh) with which Belly have often been compared. But, as their 1993 debut album, *Star*, showed, Belly prefer brighter hues, while their new material — typified by the single, "Now They'll Sleep", a kind of Morrissey encounter with the Bangles — rings with some unexpected shading.

Some of these were a mite unfortunate. For all the prom-queen primness suggested by her white knit twinset, Donelly's voice displayed an unusual adventurousness in its modulation. Clouds of red smoke issuing from a machine inconveniently aimed at Belly's larynx probably did not help matters.

But there were adequate compensations. Bassist Gail Greenwood, drummer Chris Gorman and his guitar-playing brother, Tom, combined with Donelly to produce a tightly cohesive sound, which worked especially well on "Seal My Fate" and a bouncy version of "Feed The Tree". Key problems apart, Donelly swung her voice through some affective turns and "Judas My Heart" — a song demanding tones both kittenish and glacial — benefited substantially.

Such stylish presentation was well appreciated by a capacity audience, crammed intimately against the venue's low stage. Although Belly took some time to relax and actually begin to enjoy themselves, such difficulties appeared temporary, and, come the start of the band's full-scale tour in February, will no doubt have been eradicated completely.

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Will the pools pull the plug?

The National Lottery is threatening to kill off a rich source of arts funding.

Simon Tait reports

Going rates for the football pools in 1936: now the lottery's success is forcing the three big promoters to cut or freeze their contributions to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts

The Foundation for Sport and the Arts, which has contributed more than £75 million to the arts since its creation by the pools promoters in July 1991, is in danger of being closed down by the National Lottery, its director has warned. The pools companies have cut their contribution to the FSA by 17 per cent since the lottery's start in November, reducing the weekly income of £1.4 million by £237,000.

And worse is to come, says the FSA's secretary, Grattan Endicott: the two minor members of the pools triumvirate, Zetters and Vernons, are freezing their contribution of 22 per cent, and Littlewoods, prime mover for the introduction of the foundation, is to cut the amount it gives.

"It's not a case of suddenly turning the tap off," Endicott says. "I will only have to do that if that's what happens to us. But perhaps it's not totally unforeseen at the moment, in view of the latest comments from the pools promoters."

The pools companies are pushing for an early meeting with the Home Secretary to get swift decisions on six points which, they say, will "level the playing field" with the National Lottery. They want to be able to advertise on television and radio, which they are forbidden to do by law. In addition they want a reduction on the tax they have to pay (33 per cent, with another 10 per cent going to the FSA and the Football Trust, while the lottery operators, Camelot, have to pay 12 per cent with 25 per cent going to good causes); greater scope to roll over prizes from one week to the next; relaxation of strictures on the kind of pools competitions that can be promoted through retail outlets; an easing of restrictions on collecting winnings from retail outlets; and the ability to manipulate prize money to boost jackpots (the pools have a ceiling of £1 million, while the lottery at present has no upper limit). These points have also been sent to the National Heritage Select Committee.

One troubled regional theatre got some good news from the FSA last week: the FSA trustees agreed to a grant of £100,000 to help it out of deficit. But a postscript to the letter from Endicott contained a stark warning: "It is far from clear whether the pools are going to survive in a sufficient way to ensure the future of the Foundation," he wrote. "So no assurances are on offer that we will survive to accomplish what we plan . . . because we have not committed ourselves to grant offers until we can set the necessary funds aside, any firm offers of grants are secured except in the event of some outright and unforeseen disaster."

The situation is not unexpected. The 1991 Budget was expected to contain an announcement about the creation of the National Lottery. But the pools promoters mounted a concerted campaign against it for fear of the damage it would do them, and persuaded the then Chancellor, Norman Lamont, to reduce the restrictions and tax burden on them. In return they would create the FSA, which would give a third of its income to the arts and the rest to sport (since it began operating it has given £220 million in 12,500 grants). They thought the arrangement had scuppered the lottery, but in the event it merely delayed the eventual announcement, and the National Lottery Act came in 1993.

In the meantime the FSA had established itself as a major player in arts funding. It ensured the revival of the Oxford Playhouse, the creation of Llandudno's new 1,500-seat concert hall, and the purchase of the London Coliseum by English National Opera. The Coliseum scheme was a partnership with the Government: the £2 million contribution from the foundation seemed to confirm that it was now an important permanent source of arts funding.

The most recent list of grants includes £100,000 to create a performance centre at a Staines school, £140,000 for reseating the Liverpool Everyman Theatre, £100,000 for Glyndebourne Touring Opera's current tour, £90,000 to create a Highland piping centre in Inverness, and £150,000 towards Warehouse Theatre's new home in Croydon.

Most grants, however, are for relatively small amounts, plugging gaps in existing funding arrangements and often, for example, merely assisting a student with tuition fees where there is no local authority grant.

"We're not saying there isn't a role for funding quality performances, but we feel they are more directly the concern of the Sports and Arts Councils," Endicott says. "We're giving a lot of smaller grants which are just to enable young people to join in music-making and so on."

With his chairman, Sir Tim Rice, he has recently tried to enter the debate on whether lottery money should be for capital projects only, as specified in the National Lottery Act. What use are new concert halls and theatres, many commentators asked, when cuts in revenue funding meant no subsidised orchestras or drama companies could perform in them?

Endicott circulated a discussion document suggesting that the FSA and some of the lottery agencies — the Arts Council, Sports Council, Millennium Commission and National Heritage Memorial Fund, though probably not the new Charities Board — could work together guaranteeing some revenue funding to go with important lottery-funded capital projects.

"There could be scope in selected cases for start-up revenue funding in the first two or three years of a project for which a National Lottery distributor was providing grant aid for capital expenditure," he says. There has been some positive response, mostly from the Sports Council so far.

"One of the philosophies that I have been advocating is the need for a diversity of funding bodies," says Endicott. "I believe that people should have a kind of system of appeal to a different body when they get rejected by the first, so that there is more than one string to the funding bow."

If the pools companies fail to get the decisions they want from the Government quickly, he adds, arts organisations will soon be an important string short as they tackle mounting deficits.

ARTS BRIEFING

Neptune calling

SUPPLICANTS continue to hammer at the doors of those responsible for distributing National Lottery proceeds. This week's big fish is the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, which yesterday submitted a bid for £8 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards its £14 million project to redevelop the Neptune Hall, in the heart of the museum. The redevelopment, to be completed by 1998, will reinstate the original courtyard layout and will include the creation of "a vast and spectacular atrium" as the main entrance to the museum.

Meanwhile, on the other side of London, the Royal Albert Hall is putting the finishing touches to its lottery bid. As it seeks at least £15 million to turn it into "a world class venue fit for its third century", there is encouraging news from the promoters' trade magazine *Performance*. Readers have declared the Albert Hall to be International Facility of the Year for the second time in succession, beating the likes of the Birmingham NEC and Hong Kong Stadium.

- DAVID POUNTNEY, the opera producer famed for his colourful and metaphorical productions at the London Coliseum, makes his first ever foray into spoken theatre next month, directing a *Twelfth Night* at the Nottingham Playhouse that sounds unusually energetic. It will be a mixture of "erotica and fantasy" set on a present-day "paradise island" infused with the music of an "ex-virtuoso saxophonist", or Feste as Shakespeare called him. Not surprisingly, John Harle, one of Britain's top saxophonists, composes and plays the music for the production, which opens on February 9.

Theatre reopens

AFTER nearly 60 years of silence, the Cambridge Festival Theatre opens its doors to the public again in March. The Georgian playhouse, which has not been used since 1939, was built in 1814 and boasts a spectacular cyclorama. The Cambridge University Marlowe Society will stage Shirley's *The Lady of Pleasure* there from March 10 to 25, after which there are plans (dependent on National Lottery funding) to restore and reopen the theatre as a permanent performing arts venue.

Ghosts of the ghettos

Guy Chazan on an American artist's plans to commemorate Europe's refugees, past and present

ZELDA CHEATLE GALLERY/LONDON

Shimon Attie's slide projection of a 1930 Hebrew bookshop in Almstadstrasse, Berlin

An American artist is using the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War to unleash his own lightning sweep on the cultural capitals of Europe. But the enemy in his sights is not an army, but the failure of memory, and his weapon is a unique ability to reawaken it.

Shimon Attie, a native of California who now lives in Berlin, is behind a project entitled "Acts of Remembrance" which brings his own brand of public art to five European cities — Copenhagen, Cologne, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Krakow — in installations designed to tease out each city's peculiar experience of war and occupation and link it to the pressing problems each faces today.

The furthest along of the five is the Copenhagen project, "Portraits of Exile", which draws on the fairytale story of how Denmark's Jews were spirited away to Sweden in the boats of Danish fishermen in 1943, saving them from certain deportation to Hitler's concentration camps.

Attie has juxtaposed this heroic episode with the less altruistic treatment Denmark metes out to refugees streaming into the country from the wartorn Balkans, many of whom were forced to live for months aboard a crowded, dirty container ship in Copenhagen harbour while their asylum applications were considered, triggering furious protests from human rights groups.

In an attempt to link the two stories, Attie and his German technical collaborator, Marthias Maile, plan to produce a series of light boxes, each containing transparencies showing refugees from the former Yugoslavia and Jews rescued by the Danes in 1943, superimposed on a complex of other images and back-lit with fluorescent tubes, and place them underwater in a 200m stretch of canal in front of the Danish Parliament building.

The idea of weaving a collage of images from the Holocaust — the yellow star, the faces of deportees — and from the Balkan refugee crisis — maps of escape routes, entry visas in Yugoslav passports — literally to shed new light on the often troubling correspondences between past and present, has aroused huge media interest in Denmark.

Jesper Soholm of Bizart, Attie's local producer, sees the project as a way of jolting Danes out of the complacency born of an untroubled past. The almost mythic aureole surrounding the 1943 evacuation, he says, conceals the less palatable fact that Denmark refused to grant asylum to many thousands of Jews trying to flee Nazi Germany during the 1930s. "Then as now, people's fate depended on a yes or no from the Danish Government," he says.

"Portraits of Exile", which opens in April, is one of a quintet of commemorative projects to be realised by Attie this year. In Cologne, he will use huge slide projections to explore the buried past of the city's Messegebäude, venue of the prestige "Art Cologne" art fair which also, unbeknown to many Germans, served as a concentration camp during the war. In Amsterdam, he will create public installations at sites throughout the city where Jews were sheltered from the Nazis by their Dutch neighbours. And in Krakow, projections portraying images of the former wartime Jewish ghetto will be placed along the lines of a tram which once plied its way through the ghetto and still follows the same route today.

The projects mark a breakthrough for Attie, 37, whose original mixture of art and archaeology has already brought him fame in Germany. His greatest success to date was "The Writing on the Wall", where prewar photographs of street scenes from the Jewish ghetto of East Berlin — showing kosher butchers, Hebrew bookshops, Talmud schools — were projected onto the same locations today. The strangely sumptuous photographs of the resulting collages, where the dead revive and return to claim back their homes, were seen last May at the Zelda Cheatle Gallery in London and are now on show in New York's Museum of Modern Art, where they have received critical acclaim.

It was Attie's desire to explore history and memory in his art which prompted him to abandon sunny California and "the supremacy of the now, the 30-second soundbite", for the sombreness of Berlin, a crippled city which still wears its past like a gaping wound.

Although he denies his art is didactic, Attie describes it in moral terms, as a *memento mori*, a tribute to the nameless victims of Europe's greatest cataclysm. "What is most urgent for me," he says, "is to hear the silent voices of those who lived here and were eradicated, to make visible what you feel but do not see, to peel back the wallpaper of today and reveal the history buried underneath."

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JAZZ: Solo pianist and band drummer have excellence in common

Matchless improvisation

WHEN he first attracted public attention in the late 1970s, first in his native France and subsequently in America, **Michel Petrucciani** was widely regarded as a pianist with astonishing technical gifts — the inevitable comparisons were made with Oscar Peterson — but whose style was perhaps over-indebted to the gentle lyricism of Bill Evans. In the 1980s, however, courtesy of a series of Blue Note recordings and even an extended flirtation with electricity, Petrucciani emerged as one of the music's most original voices.

His final, solo piano album for Blue Note, *Promenade with Duke*, showed off the whole range of Petrucciani's gifts: his almost crystalline fragility on ballad material, his exuberant wit, his stunning use of extreme dynamic and textural contrast. All these qualities were on display at his solo performance to a full and rapturous house at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Beginning with a remarkable 50-minute improvisation that used tunes like "My Funny Valentine", "In A Sentimental Mood", "Autumn Leaves" and "Take The 'A' Train" as reference points on a journey through the whole of jazz piano, from stride and boogie-woogie, through beebop to Evans and Keith Jarrett, Petrucciani showed that he is now able to produce supremely tasteful music whose wit and intelligence remain uncompromised by its rumbustiousness.

After a brief excursion into lush balladry, Petrucciani was off again into the jazz piano tradition, weaving a loping "These Foolish Things" into Thelonious Monk, and managing to refer to "Windmills Of Your Mind" in the middle of "Round Midnight" without a hint of archness.

IT WAS clear that the drummer-led quintet billed as **Winston Clifford and Friends** meant business when Clifford announced at the beginning of this "Commuter Jazz" concert in the Festival Hall foyer that, instead of the customary two shortish sets, they would play one long one, and immediately launched into a 15-minute version of Thelonious Monk's "Straight, No Chaser".

The first soloist, tenor player Denys Baptiste, applied his pleasantly foggy tone to Monk's bluesy changes in a gutsy but considered improvisation. The vigorously fluent soprano saxophonist Jason Yarde and pianist Trevor Watkiss also contributed lively solos, but it was Clifford himself who compelled attention.

Fortunate in being able to depend on the reliable bass of Gary Crosby to provide a solid rhythmic and melodic foundation, Clifford was free to explore the possibilities of Monk's famous composition with an unshowily virtuosic display of forceful but sensitive drumming.

In both Joe Henderson's perky "Recorda Me" and the following piano trio feature, "If I Should Lose You", the drummer cannily showed off his sidemen's strengths, falling in with Watkiss's shuffle-bounce beat in the former behind Baptiste's warm solo, and maintaining discreet vigilance lest the latter subside into mere prettiness.

Rounded off with a suitably wistful version of Ellington's classic "In A Sentimental Mood", this was a classy quintet gig, and one which located Clifford in a fine tradition of great drummer-leaders: Art Blakey, Tony Williams, Cindy Blackman.

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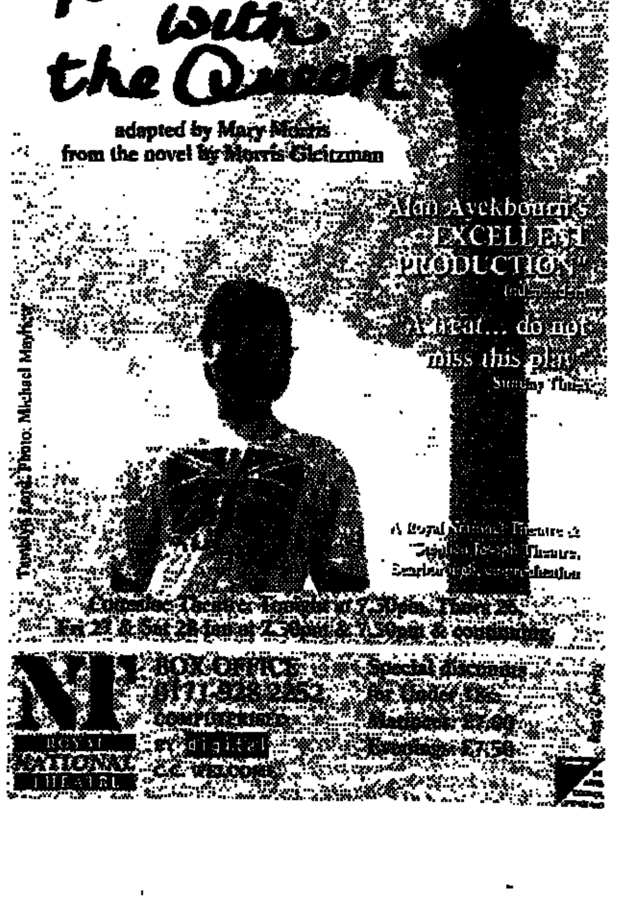

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French clear Merle but hand out a warning

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

OLIVIER MERLE, the Montferrand lock whose head-butt on Ricky Evans last Saturday during the France-Wales international match provoked a tart exchange between the countries, was cleared yesterday of dangerous play. He will be available for selection against England on February 4.

A French disciplinary tribunal studied video evidence of the incident, which led to Evans receiving a double fracture of the left leg, and decided that there was no cause for a suspension. Indeed the incident has been presented in France as another chapter in the long Anglo-French saga of accusations of foul play and part of a media build-up to the game at Twickenham.

Both Bernard Lapasset, the French federation president, and Pierre Berbizier, the coach, have waged a largely successful battle for better discipline in French rugby and can point to a whole range of unpunished incidents in other countries. Hence Merle, 29, has been warned about his future conduct but no more.

Vernon Pugh, the Welsh Rugby Union chairman, reacted diplomatically: "We are grateful to the French federation for having acted with expedition," he said. "We note what their decision is, but aren't yet aware of the full circumstances that resulted in their deciding to reprimand rather than ban the player. When we have their full reasons, we will comment further."

Lapasset said the incident was "on the border of dangerous play but there was no relation between the action and Evans's injury. The Welsh have been very honest in this affair. They simply asked us to throw light on it. Thankfully, the French committee doesn't read the English papers, otherwise there might have been another decision."

Merle himself denied any involvement with Evans's injury, despite Evans's testimony that he had been butted in the face which caused him to fall awkwardly. "The incident happened under the noses of two match officials," Merle said. "If there had been something amiss, they would have taken immediate action. The English always turn on the pressure before the five nations' match. Once again they have found something to use."

Even so there is no guarantee that Merle will be included in the French team to be named today, purely on playing grounds. The fact that the player was warned by the committee will be of concern to Berbizier, who will have considered the form of Grenoble's Olivier Brouzet. "I would tell Merle to prepare himself for the match," Lapasset said. "We mustn't fall into the trap of losing against England before playing them. Let's just all keep calm."

England's team will also be announced today, and is likely to be unchanged from that which beat Ireland, unless the selectors are worried about Martin Johnson's ability to get through the match. The Leicester lock is carrying a damaged hamstring which will prevent him playing in the Pilkington Cup fifth-round match at Bristol on Saturday, against a team including his nearest rival, Simon Shaw.

☐ The Australian schools conclude their tour of Britain, Ireland and France at Gloucester this evening by defending their unbeaten record against England — themselves unbeaten last season.

They have only one survivor from their junior grand-slam party: Geoff Wappett, the No 8 from Bradford Grammar School, who will captain an England XV including five of the South-West team that held the Australians to a 6-6 draw at Bridgwater this month. That was the second draw of the tour but this sixth Australian side has emulated four of its predecessors by avoiding defeat; the only blemish came when the 1974 Australians lost — to England.

ALBERTO TOMBA, right, the Italian triple Olympic champion, receives the news yesterday that his dazzling run of success in the skiing World Cup had been interrupted by the cancellation of a giant slalom race in Adelboden, Switzerland. Tomba, the winner of nine successive slalom races and favourite for the Swiss event, was informed by Helmut Schmalzl, a technical delegate for the International Ski Federation (FIS), the sport's governing body, that it had been abandoned after two earlier postponements because of poor visibility and falling snow. It would have been the last race before the world championships are scheduled to start in Sierra Nevada, Spain, next Monday. Yesterday, an FIS spokesman, Sepp Messner, said he was optimistic the championships would go ahead with machines being used to cover bare slopes with artificial snow. "The courses are very good. We need a bit more snow at the start of the downhill ... but that should be ready today."

Hill resigns himself to fifth-set fate

By Colin McQuillan

ANTHONY HILL, a pugnacious but likeable 25-year-old from Melbourne, who was involved in that extraordinary head-butting confrontation with Pakistan's Mir Zaman Gul at last year's British Open, must be worried that his reputation is preceding him as he attempts to push Hall Sports Northern into the end-of-season play-offs in the Super Squash League.

Hill led his Manchester colleagues against the second-placed ICL Lion Hearts at Welwyn Garden City this week, knowing that the transfer of the Irish champion, Derek Ryan, from Village Prestwich, had given the club a mid-order strength to fuel a renaissance during the second half of the season.

Ryan, the first mid-season transfer in the ten-year history of the national league, came close to earning his spurs immediately at second string by pressing Ross Norman to five games over 104 minutes, losing eventually 9-3, 9-2, 3-9, 7-9, 9-5. With Mark Chaloner unexpectedly dropping the third-string rubber to Alex Gough, Hill took the court for the first-string rubber against Chris Walker, the England No 2, to decide the match.

His referee, Jill Wood, was plainly determined that it was a match which had to be kept under strict control. As lets proliferated — 31 of them in the first two games and 64 in the match — she urged the players to "stop arguing and play on" as the crowd loudly exhorted the Hearts' cause, even during rallies. The players were eventually driven to impose some decisions by mutual agreement.

Hill took a two-game lead in typically combative style but became increasingly stressed by it all. "It's like having your mother up there," he muttered at one stage. He might even have won had a penalty stroke claimed at 8-8 in the fourth game not been adjudged too far behind his reach. Hill objected but to no avail. "I make the decisions," the referee insisted.

His despairing five-minute sacrifice of the fifth game in just five hands to lose 4-9, 7-9, 9-2, 10-9, 9-1 in 94 minutes suggested that Hill was resigned to his fate.

SUPER LEAGUE DETAILS

RESULTS: Cannons Club 2, Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 1 (P Nicol bt S Meads 9-5, 9-0, 7-9, 6-9, 9-2; S Parke bt A Kirkland 9-3, 9-4, 5-9, 9-2; T Hands lost to T Garner 6-9, 5-9, 6-9). ICL Lion Hearts 2, Jim Hall Sports Northern 1 (C Walker bt A Hill 4-9, 7-9, 9-2, 10-9, 9-1; R Norman bt D Ryan 9-3, 9-2, 3-9, 7-9, 9-5; M Chaloner lost to A Gough 9-5, 7-9, 0-9, 3-9).

Ogmore Valley Dragons 3, Welsh Back Wizards 0 (M Cairns bt D Harris 0-9, 9-2, 7-9, 9-1, 9-6; P Whitlock bt J Nicolle 9-5, 4-9, 9-6, 7-9, 10-8; C van der Walt bt A Davies 10-8, 9-6, 6-9, 6-9, 9-4). Rackets Club 2, Walker Farmmond Manchester 1 (P Johnson bt M Heath 9-7, 9-4, 9-3; D Webb lost to N Taylor 5-9, 6-9, 9-7, 3-9; N Cass bt M Blowers 9-0, 4-9, 9-3, 9-5).

LEAGUE POSITIONS: 1, Cannons 24pts; 2, ICL Lion Hearts 21; 3, Welsh Back 14; 4, Ogmore Valley 13; 5, Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 11; 6, Walker Farmmond Manchester 10; 7, Rackets Club 8; 8, Jim Hall Sports Northern 7.

Salt Lake City leads shortlist of four

SALT Lake City (United States), Oestersund (Sweden), Quebec City (Canada) and Sion (Switzerland) were put on the shortlist by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne yesterday in the race to host the Winter Games in 2002. Five cities were eliminated: Graz (Austria), Sochi (Russia), Jaca (Spain), Tarvisio (Italy) and Poprad-Tatry (Slovakia).

All nine candidates presented their bids to an IOC panel on Monday in the IOC's first attempt at "pre-selection". The IOC's full, 100-strong membership will choose the winner in Budapest on June 16. Observers believe that Salt Lake City, which lost out to Nagano in the contest to host the Winter Games in 1998, is favourite. Its strongest opposition is expected to come from Quebec City, making its first Olympic bid, and Oestersund.

Bold Delecour thrives

MOTOR RALLYING: Colin McRae, of Scotland, who lost time when stuck in the snow on Monday, climbed two places to seventh in the Monte Carlo rally yesterday. The battle for victory tomorrow appears to be between his Subaru teammate, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, and the defending champion, François Delecour, of France. Delecour seized the lead from Sainz on slippery roads after beginning the day 44 seconds behind the Spaniard. He took great risks to manoeuvre his Ford Escort two seconds ahead of Sainz after the timed stages to Digne.

Bombers forced out

ICE HOCKEY: Teesside Bombers have become the second club to withdraw from the first division of the British League this season (Norman de Mesquita writes). Their weekend fixtures were postponed in the hope that they would be able to come up with a rescue package but they have failed to do so. Receivers have been called in and the senior team has ceased to operate. The financial problems have been blamed on the size of the club's payroll at the beginning of the season.

Mansell's route clear

MOTOR RACING: One of the last obstacles to Nigel Mansell's return to Formula One was removed yesterday when it appeared Martin Brundle had agreed to drive for the Ligier team in the coming season (Oliver Holt writes). Brundle was Mansell's only serious rival for a place alongside Mika Hakkinen at McLaren this year and his apparent decision to sign for Ligier is a clear indication of the intentions of Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director.

McManus bows out

SNOOKER: Alan McManus, Darren Morgan and Willie Thorne became the latest members of the world top 16 to be eliminated from the Regal Welsh Open in Newport yesterday. McManus, runner-up in the event for the past two years, lost 5-3 to Anthony Hamilton, of Nottingham. Morgan, the eighth seed, lost 5-3 to John Read, of Wolverhampton, the world No 87, while Thorne lost 5-4 to Paul Davies, of Cardiff.

Fogarty returns to fold

NETBALL: Sharon Fogarty is recalled after a year's absence to the England squad seeking to maintain its dominance over Wales in Cardiff on Saturday. Wales have not beaten England for 15 years but the England coach, Liz Broomhead, said: "Wales can be tenacious on their home territory.

ENGLAND SQUAD: K Slawinski (Bedfordshire, captain), J Saunders (Essex), H Manufor (Middlesex), L Sdao (Middlesex), S Hartley (Surrey), W Hale (Essex), T Miller (Middlesex), F Murtagh (Essex), M Farrell (West Yorkshire), S Fogarty (Bedfordshire).

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Lack of fit batsmen provides another headache for tour management

England forced to bring back Lewis as cover for Hick

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN ADELAIDE

IF THERE are those, observing this Ashes series from afar, still unconvinced that England have been as short on luck as on form, here is the proof: Graeme Hick, probably the country's fittest cricketer and justly proud that he hardly knows what it is to miss a match through injury, may now miss one when England can least afford it.

Hick saw an orthopaedic specialist here yesterday evening, when his sore, stiff back was examined in detail. There were no dramatic conclusions, which was comfort of a kind to a team now inured to expect the worst, but Hick remains in doubt for the fourth Test match, which may begin here tomorrow with England able to call upon only ten of their original tour party.

Of these survivors, just five are batsmen. If Hick was forced to withdraw, the possibility that England's harassed management needed to consider last night, various permutations were possible, none of them very attractive.

Robin Smith is in town, hosting a tour group, but is unfit after a shoulder operation. Either Jack Russell, who is with the squad, or Chris Lewis, an hour's flight away in Melbourne, could play as a specialist batsman; Mark Ramprakash, vice-captain of the England A tour, could dash here from Delhi; or one of many players here on business or pleasure — most likely Allan Lamb — could be pressed into emergency duties. It has come to this.

As it would have been impracticable, not to mention unfair, to expect Ramprakash to arrive from India and play a Test match within hours, and as the option of Lamb was mentioned only semi-seriously, much the likeliest outcome is one more Test recall for Lewis. Late yesterday, Mike Smith, the England manager, was endeavouring to contact Lewis and arrange for him to rejoin the party. It is, of course, time that the fates smiled upon England and spared them such desperate measures, but nobody here is counting upon it.

AUSTRALIA (probable): M A Taylor (captain), M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, G S Blewett, S R Waugh, I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, P E McIntyre, D W Fleming. Twelfth man: G D McGrath.

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch, M A Atherton (captain), G A Hick, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, M W Gatting, S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm, P C R Tufnell, C C Lewis.

Michael Atherton, one of only five players to take part in a net after yesterday's journey from Bendigo, sounds wearily resigned to circumstances utterly beyond his power. "We are in the situation now where we are having to make do with what we've got," he said. "It does get you down. I have known nothing like this before and I can't explain why all the injuries are happening, but I do believe that the niggles that have affected Hick, Thorpe and myself are the result of a long, hard year."

Hick would agree. He admitted to feeling "heavy-legged" at the end of the last English season and consequently cut back on his road-running. Now, four months and much more punishing cricket down the track, his suspect back is doing the complaining that Hick himself, willing and dedicated that he is, would never do. He has a holiday booked in Barbados when this tour ends but, as he is in the best form of any England batsman, he will not want to end it lamely.

The theory that England should have summoned Ramprakash some days ago does not hold water. It was only on Sunday that Alec Stewart's tour was terminated, only yesterday that it was concluded that Neil Fairbrother would not be fit for either of the last two Tests. Hick's condition has crept up on a management so inundated by arrivals and departures that they scarcely know which names to enter on each hotel rooming list.

The two old men of the party have, ironically, negotiated the trip without serious fitness problems and both will play tomorrow. For Mike Gatting, it is another improbable, barely deserved, extension but for Graham Gooch, who batted with rhythm in Bendigo, it is the opportunity to mark another milestone with evidence of his enduring ability.

This will be Gooch's 117th Test, equalling the record number of England appearances held by David Gower. He was unaware of the fact until informed by journalists yesterday, but faith in his batting has noticeably returned. "I would back him to make a score here," Atherton said bravely.

Other plus points for England are the revival in Steven Rhodes's glovework and confidence, and the zest of Angus Fraser during yesterday's practice. With DeFreitas still out of sorts and Malcolm having taken only four wickets in the series, Fraser has become England's key bowler — quite a compliment for one who did not start the tour.

Australia have done well in Adelaide recently, beating South Africa last year and failing by just two runs to defeat West Indies in 1993, and, on a pitch that even Atherton concedes is likely to help the two leg spinners, they are highly favoured to win again. "In view of all our problems, a positive result here would be a great achievement," Atherton said.

McIntyre, left, and Warne, both leg spinners, are likely to play in tandem for Australia in the fourth Test match

GRAHAM MORRIS

Lewis has been called into the England squad for a second time this winter.

Patel hurries students to heavy defeat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MIN PATEL, who has been overshadowed by his fellow left-arm spinner, Richard Stemp, on the England A tour of India, was the focus of attention yesterday after hurrying the Combined Universities to defeat in Delhi.

The Kent left-armer took six for 35 as England A completed the rout of the students, winning by 439 runs with two sessions to spare. Patel's performance, after his half-century on Monday, has put him in contention for a place in the side for the second five-day international, which starts in Calcutta on Friday.

The Universities' resistance folded soon after Patel dismissed Sheetal Pathak, who followed his 47 in the first innings with another brave knock. He was fourth out, having taken his score from 37 to 58, and the students then lost four wickets in four successive overs with the total on 141.

The England A captain, Alan Wells, admitted that a difficult decision now has to be made about whether to keep faith with the leg spinner, Ian Salisbury, and the off spinner, Paul Weekes, neither of whom has looked in top form in recent weeks, or opt for Patel.

"Stemp will definitely be one of our spinners in Calcutta, following his great performance in the first 'Test' victory in Bangalore, but the other places are up for discussion and Min has done his chances of selection no harm at all by bowling so well," Wells said.

"We were not up against the best class of opposition and we expected them to be a bit stronger, but he still looked in a good rhythm and it's difficult to ignore a display like that. Salisbury is encountering a few problems at the moment, and I think he's probably just trying too hard.

"There's nothing particularly wrong with the way he's bowling but we saw him as a potential match-winner after his nine wickets in our first tour match in Bombay — yet he did not fulfil the role we had foreseen for him when we played the 'Test' last week. We will have to see the conditions in Calcutta and make our decision then."

Patel, 24, who was born in Bombay, had only one complaint after his performance — he still has not met his idol, Bishen Bedi. With the former India Test player living in Delhi, Patel felt sure that Bedi, who took 266 wickets in 67 Test matches between 1966 and 1979, would come to the ground to watch for a while, but he waited in vain.

"I've never had the chance to meet Bedi and I thought it might happen here," Patel said. "I would love to have the opportunity to chat with him about spin bowling and cricket in general. One day, perhaps."

Nevertheless, Patel was delighted with his first real success of the tour. "It was nice to bowl with fielders right round the bat. I have had to experiment quite a bit with my bowling to adjust to Indian conditions. At home I bowl quite a flat trajectory, but here I've found that the ball spins and bounces more if I throw the ball up and bowl a bit slower.

"Although I was born in India I have not been to many places other than Bombay, so it's a great experience for me travelling around. The people here love their cricket and I'm sure that I will go home from this tour having learnt a lot. Whether I'm picked in a 'Test' or not is up to the selectors — that sort of thing is out of my hands."

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A XI: First innings 553 (M R Ramprakash 124, J E R Gallian 100, P N Weekes 93, A P Wells 51)

Second innings 214 for 5 dec (M P Vaughan 87, M M Patel 56)

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES XI: First innings 165

Second innings

J L Das Chowdhry lbw b Chapple	4
C Vasant Kumar lbw b Salisbury	46
P Pathak st Piper b Patel	58
P Yagik lbw b Patel	9
M Bali c Vaughan b Patel	6
M Mewada c and b Weekes	8
A Takle lbw b Patel	0
A Tandon c Salisbury b Weekes	0
D Pawar not out	18
N Singh c Vaughan b Patel	3
P Khole c Ramprakash b Patel	0
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 5)	11
Total (73.3 overs)	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-69, 3-116, 4-125, 5-141, 6-141, 7-141, 8-141, 9-151

BOWLING: Chapple 7-1-29-1, Johnson 9-4-32-0, Gallian 8-2-15-0, Salisbury 8-3-23-1, Patel 25.3-14-35-6, Weekes 16-8-24-2.

Umpires: B A Jamula and K A Parthasarathy

Precedent favours McIntyre

BY SIMON WILDE

IF AUSTRALIA do decide to play two leg spinners in the Adelaide Test, the recent form there of Shane Warne and Peter McIntyre warrants the gamble, even though it is a ground with short square boundaries and a pitch that offers little help to bowlers of any type.

In the most recent Sheffield Shield match at Adelaide earlier this month, McIntyre took nine wickets for South Australia and conceded only 145 runs from 68.3 overs. Warne, on his last Test appearance on the ground, against South Africa a year ago, took five wickets and bowled 75.1 overs for just 116 runs.

Australia have chosen two specialist leg-spin bowlers in a Test match on more than 50 occasions but the ploy enjoyed most success between the world wars, when they had three of the finest practitioners of the art, Mailey, Grimmett and O'Reilly. Since 1946, they have employed the tactic on 21 occasions — most recently in India on the 1979-80 tour — and won the match only five times.

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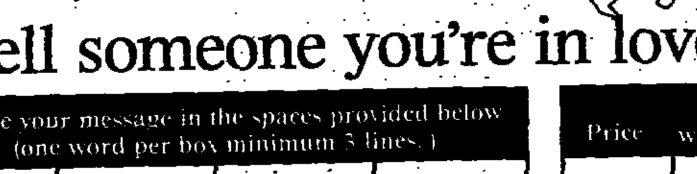

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By Kevin McCarra

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An offer to supporters of new shares worth £5.4 million has been massively oversubscribed. The club's chief executive, Fergus McCann, had hoped that there would be around 5,000 investors, but by the deadline almost double that number had applied.

Since the scheme offered a variety of packages and benefits, ranging in cost from £620 to £62,000, it is impossible to tell, before an official announcement, exactly how much extra finance Celtic has received. There will be a natural reluctance to refund all of that surplus cash, and McCann is reviewing matters.

"We are currently putting together a plan," he said, "so that all applicants will be able to receive the number of shares that each requested." The Scots-Canadian millionaire has confounded critics who predicted his venture would meet with a lukewarm reception. Celtic Park was almost besieged yesterday as people attempted to buy shares before the door was locked when the offer closed at 10am.

The frenzy had mounted all last week, with £1 million being taken in by the club on Friday alone. Some of the investments hinted at high emotion and extreme sacrifice with, for example, a supporters' club from Greenock, a town ravaged by unemployment, raising £25,000. Several members of the team have also applied for shares, two players investing £33,000 between them.

McCann's plans for recapitalising the club are complete. In the first phase, he and members of the consortium who seized control in March last year bought some £12 million in new shares. A further sum of at least £9.4 million has now been raised. This comprises the £4 million of equity taken by Dermot Desmond, an Irish investor, and the minimum of £5.4 million issued to supporters.

Over £21 million of funding has thus been pumped into Celtic in the past ten months. The success of the final part of the exercise, with its dependence on popular support, is unprecedented in the history of British football, where share issues have often proved to be fiascos. McCann was suitably grateful.

The chief executive admitted that he felt humbled by the reaction of supporters. "It is the ordinary fans who have overwhelmed the issue, not institutions," he said. "They feel it is an investment which will grow in value, not just a donation to Celtic. Of course, they also recognise that the money will go towards advancing the club. We now have £21 million in share capital and that is a strong base."

Celtic's troubles are not, of course, at an immediate end. It will, after all, cost £26 million to complete the redevelopment of the ground and large amounts are also required for new players. However, the success of the share issue corroborates McCann's claim that a vast potential had hitherto gone untapped.

Channelling the forces which have been unleashed will be tricky. Supporters are to receive a mixture of ordinary shares, which carry voting rights, and preference shares, on which a six per cent annual dividend will be due from 1998. In striving to meet demand, McCann could not, for example, part with too many ordinary shares from his own holding without losing majority control.

These, though, are difficulties created by success. Bill McCall, of the investment firm, Tilney and Co, said: "Celtic supporters have done something analysts do not think is possible. To have an issue oversubscribed when the Stock Exchange is in a rough patch is good going. The government can't even do it with PowerGen without offering incentives."

☐ Mark Hateley and Gordon Durie are likely to return for Rangers for the start of the Tennents Scottish Cup campaign at Hamilton on Saturday. Hateley has not played since picking up a groin injury against Hibernian on Boxing Day. Durie has been recovering fom a back injury while serving a two-match ban.

Philippe Albert, Newcastle United's Belgium international defender, has undergone a successful operation on a serious knee injury suffered during training, but will not play again this season. "The season is over for me, so I can work quietly on my recovery," Albert, 27, said yesterday.

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RAOUL DIXON

Hughes, scoring the goal against Newcastle that led to his injury, may fit into the "dream strike-force" envisaged by Cantona

Hughes given option of staying at United

By Our Sports Staff

MARK HUGHES'S recuperation was yesterday given a boost when Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said it was up to the player to decide whether or not he stays at Old Trafford.

Ferguson, whose team seeks to take over leadership of the FA Carling Premiership at Crystal Palace tonight, said he is tempted by Eric Cantona's dream of playing in a three-pronged attack with Hughes and Andy Cole, the £7 million signing. "It would be an incredible partnership," Cantona said. "I hope we can all be good together."

Ferguson, who might already have sold the Welsh striker to Everton had he not gashed his knee against Newcastle United ten days ago, fears it is just a pipedream. "We could perhaps play Cole and Hughes together, with Cantona playing off the front two," he said. "But then we would probably have to leave out a winger and a lot of our success has been based on wide players stretching the opposition."

He does not, however, rule out a continuing role for Hughes at Old Trafford, adding: "I wouldn't want to embarrass Mark Hughes by leaving him out because he is a great player and has served this club nobly. It will be up to him to decide what he wants to do, bearing in mind that we have signed a young centre forward because I have to plan for the future.

"At the moment we are waiting for Mark to get fit again, then we can sit down and talk about what's best for him and the club."

In the meantime, Cole and Cantona will seek to establish an understanding at Palace, with David May coming in at centre half for the suspended Steve Bruce. Cantona scored in the 3-0 home win against the Londoners in November and a Selhurst Park repeat would put United a point clear of Blackburn, though Kenny Dalglish's men will have two games in hand.

After just one win in 11 games, only goal difference is keeping Palace out of the bottom four but Alan Smith, the manager, is convinced his squad has the character to stay up. "We need three points and I'm looking for a big performance," he said.

Wimbledon will boost their chance of winning a place in Europe if they can extend Newcastle's miserable Premiership run at St James' Park. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, will give £1 million-rated Keith Gillespie his full debut as he seeks his first win in seven games. But John Beresford has been ruled out for up to a month with a hamstring injury, while Darren Peacock and Robert Lee are doubtful.

Newcastle tackle Everton in eight days and Keegan said: "This is an absolutely crucial week for us. We must get six points and progress in the Cup to give our season a boost." Wimbledon have taken 14 points from the last 18 to stand eighth in the table.

George Graham must wait to hear whether action will be taken over alleged irregular payments to him. The Arsenal manager had been told that initial findings of the Premier League investigation would be announced this week. A spokesman for the Premiership chief executive, Rick Parry, said: "The suggestion that the inquiry is due to report on Thursday is not accurate."

Arsenal will get some information today, though — how much the transferred Ipswich striker, Chris Kiwomya, will cost them. A Football League transfer tribunal will decide the disputed fee between Arsenal's £500,000 valuation and Ipswich's £2 million.

Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, has sacked the club's youth team coach, Colin Clarke.

Martin criticises sending-off

ALVIN MARTIN, the veteran West Ham United defender sent off for serious foul play in the FA Carling Premiership match against Sheffield Wednesday at Upton Park on Monday, yesterday described his dismissal as "probably the worst decision" he had suffered in his career.

Martin looked dumbfounded when Paul Danson, the Leicester referee, brandished the red card after he stumbled into Mark Bright, the Wednesday striker, near the halfway line in the tenth minute. "The referee said I rugby-tackled Bright, but I simply slipped and fell across him," Martin said. "There was no intent on my part and I didn't wrap my arms around him.

"I thought the worst that could happen was a yellow card for obstruction, and I couldn't believe it when the red came out. It was probably the worst decision I have ever had in my entire career."

Danson, who earlier this season dismissed Tony Cottee during West Ham's match against Liverpool at Anfield, later sent off Tim Breacker, Martin's fellow defender, on Monday. Breacker, cautioned earlier for a foul, could have few complaints after committing a second bookable offence, a 73rd-minute late challenge on Graham Hyde. West Ham, already trailing to Chris Waddle's goal, eventually went down 2-0 as Bright added a second for Wednesday near the end.

If there was any consolation for Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, it arrived in the shape of a small concession from Danson. Redknapp persuaded him to view again on video the incident involving Martin, provided that the request is made through the Football Association. "Alvin is a key player and we cannot afford to be without him for three games," Redknapp said. "We hope we can get any suspension reduced to one match."

RFL forced to counter claims of widespread drug abuse

By Christopher Irvine

WHEN Jamie Bloem, the Doncaster full back, chose to kick and tell to a Sunday newspaper after taking anabolic steroids, his published comments proved every bit as poisonous as his drug-taking. According to Bloem, he was far from the only bad apple in the rugby league barrel.

Bloem, 23, now back in his native South Africa after receiving a maximum two-year ban from the Rugby Football League (RFL), claimed he knew of a dozen players who, if dope-tested, would prove positive for steroids. No names were named by Bloem, who said he paid £65 for a five-week course of injections on the advice of a body-building acquaintance. The RFL's claim that he was an isolated case was "rubbish", according to Bloem, who failed recently in an appeal to have his suspension reduced.

An unsubstantiated story from a disgraced source has, understandably, infuriated the RFL, especially as in the eight years since random testing was introduced to the sport, Bloem is the only player to have proved positive for steroids. The matter is not being taken lightly by the RFL which, in order to prove its point, is considering upgrading its drugs policy.

Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said: "I would like to prove beyond any doubt that our game is clean, so it would seem to me that a better system should be introduced to make sure that different players are tested. I hope one day we can say that all our players have been tested."

Bloem, who claimed he first took the steroid, nandrolene, last summer as an alternative to two months out of the game because of a hernia operation, may be asked to appear before a league committee in Leeds to explain his remarks, in company with Sonny Whakarau, another Doncaster player, who, it was reported in the article, has supported Bloem's allegations of a widespread drugs problem.

Widnes, for the first time in the club's 100-year history, will assume the bottom spot in the first division of the Stones Bitter championship at present occupied by Hull should they lose the match between the sides tonight at the Boulevard. Of the two recently great clubs who have fallen on hard times, Hull's need is marginally the greater, having played a game more and being two points adrift. Widnes, without a league win in eight games, have Paul Hulme, the captain, back after a two-match suspension.

Hulme, 28, the former Great Britain forward, said: "No side has a divine right to stay in the first division, but I believe we're in a false position and we must prove that."

Stuart Spruce and Emosi Koloto are two of the international players on the Widnes injury list at the moment. A third, John Devereux, has appeared only briefly so far this season, and it was confirmed yesterday that he will *not appear* for Wales against England at Cardiff next Wednesday.

Wakefield Trinity, under the temporary coaching axis of Paul Harkin and Andy Kelly, have risen from two places off the bottom of the league table thanks to three successive victories. Castleford, their visitors tonight, have lost their past three matches.

☐ The tie between Wigan, the holders, and St Helens in the *fourth round* of the *Silk Cut* Challenge Cup will be the live televised BBC match on Saturday, February 11.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): LA Lakers 108 Charlotte 102; Cleveland 90 LA Clippers 68; Utah 116 Dallas 111.

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: British super-middleweight championship (vacant): Ali Forbes (Sydenham) bt Fidel Castro-Smith (Nottingham) pts. Super-bantam (4 rnds): Pat Mullings (Harrow) bt Des Gargano (Manchester) pts. Paul Webster (Barking) bt Marty Chestnut (Birmingham) rsc 3rd. Super-feather (4 rnds): Matt Brown (Walworth) bt Andrew Reed (Potters Bar) pts. Light (6 rnds): Pat Gallagher (Wood Green) bt David Thompson (Hull) rsc 1st. Middle (6 rnds). Robbie Allen (US) bt Carlos Christie (Birmingham) ko 2nd. Super-middle (6 rnds) Darren Littlewood (Sheffield) bt Roland Ericsson (Swe) rsc 4th.

GLASGOW: British featherweight championship: Michael Deveney (Paisley) bt Wilson Docherty (Condorrat) pts. Fly (6 rds): Neil Parry (Middlesbrough) bt Ian Baillie (Corby) ret 3rd rd. Lightweight (6 rnds): Trevor George (Newcastle) bt Gary Burrell (Kirkcaldy) pts. Light-middleweight (6 rnds): Billy Collins (Stirling) bt Eddie Haley (South Shields) rsc 4th rd.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Guyana 160 and 227. Barbados 230 and 158-4. Barbados won by 6 wkts. Port of Spain: Windward Islands 331 and 177-9 dec; Trinidad and Tobago 183 and 183-5 (A Balliram 75). Match drawn

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Barbados	3	3	0	0	48
Leeward Islands	3	2	1	0	32
Trin and Tobago	3	1	0	2	24
Jamaica	3	0	2	1	9
Windward Islands	2	0	1	1	8
Guyana	2	0	2	0	0

ST KITTS: Tour match (third day of four) West Indies Youth 175 and 217-5 (Dimond 4-55); England Under-19 195

ETON FIVES

BARBER CUP: Quarter-finals: Old Cholmeleians bt Old Carthusians 3-0. Old Salopians bt Old Olavians 2-1. Old Edwardians bt Old Ipswichians 3-0. Old Etonians w/o Lancing Old Boys scr.

FOOTBALL

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second-round draw: Farnborough Town or Dover Athletic v Rushden and Diamonds or Sudbury Town; Gretna or Halesowen Town v Witton Albion or Guiseley; Sutton United or Bath City v Marine; Runcorn or Northwich Victoria v Leek Town or Durham City; Billingham Synthonia or Ashton United v West Auckland Town or Macclesfield. Hednesford Town or Altrincham v VS Rugby or Aylesbury United; Colwyn Bay or Blyth Spartans v Enfield; Gresley Rovers or Stafford Rangers v Morecambe. Merthyr Tydfil or Slough Town v Bamber Bridge or Halifax Town. Bishop Auckland or Gateshead v Newbury Town or Rothwell Town. Hyde United v Telford United or Southport; Woking or Chesham United v Molesey or Cheltenham Town. Welling United or Marlow v Ilkeston Town or Winsford United. Yeovil Town v Stevenage Borough or Dagenham and Redbridge; Kingstonian or Yeading v St Albans City or Kidderminster Harriers; Boreham Wood or Grays Ath v Walton and Hersham or Kettering Town.

☐ Ties to be played on February 11

Monday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: West Ham 0 Sheffield Wednesday 2.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Replay: Hyde 3 Stalybridge 1 Postponed: Hednesford v Altrincham.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 5 Brighton 0

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 3 Notts County 1 Stoke 3 Blackburn 1. Second division: Barnsley 1 Blackpool 4. Newcastle 0 Manchester City 1. Birmingham 2 Port Vale 1. Leicester 1 Grimsby 1

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Willenhall 2 Boldmere St M 1

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Qualifying matches: Group one: Lesotho 0 Malawi 2. Zimbabwe 4 Cameroon 1. Group two: Liberia 1 Senegal 1. Group three: Ghana 3 Congo 1. Nigeria 1 Gambia 1. Group four: Ethiopia 2 Sudan 0. Tanzania 2 Algeria 1: Uganda 0 Egypt 0. Group six: Botswana 1 Angola 2. Mozambique 4 Namibia 2. Group seven: Ivory Coast 2 Burkina Faso 2

SCHOOLS MATCH: ESFA Fuji Film Trophy: Fifth round replay: Luton 2 Lee Valley 3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 6 Florida 5; Boston 2 NY Rangers 1. Winnipeg 5 Chicago 3; Anaheim 5 Edmonton 4 (OT)

MOTOR RALLYING

MONTE CARLO RALLY: Leading standings (after nine timed stages): 1, F Delecour (Ford Escort, Fr) 2hr 50min 40sec; 2, C Sainz (Subaru Impreza, Sp) at 2sec; 3, T Makinen (Mitsubishi Lancer, Fin) 1:29; 4, J Kankkunen (Toyota Celica, Fin) 2:24; 5, P Liatti (Subaru Impreza, It) 3:09; 6, D Auriol (Toyota Celica, It) 3.14; 7, C McRae (Subaru Impreza, GB) 3:26. 8, B Thiry (Ford Escort, Bel) 5:08; 9, A Aghini (Mitsubishi Lancer, It) 6 09; 10, P Bugalski (Renault Clio, Fr) 7:57.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Cross Keys v Tredegar, Exeter v Brixham

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Welsh Open: First round (England unless stated): R O'Sullivan bt D Henry (Scot) 5-4; A McManus (Scot) bt M Johnston-Allen 5-1; N Foulds bt T Murphy (N Ire) 5-2. K Payne (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales) 5-2; S Lee bt J Wattana (Thai) 5-3; J Higgins (Scot) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-4; W Thorne bt P McPhillips (Scot) 5-2; P Davies (Wales) bt G Wilkinson 5-4; M Hallett bt G MacDonald 5-2. A Hamilton bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-3; F O'Brien (Rep of Ire) bt J Parrott 5-3; P Francisco (SA) bt S James 5-3; C Small (Scot) bt N Bond 5-0; C Scanlon bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-0; D Taylor (N Ire) bt G Dott (Scot) 5-1 Second round: M Williams (Wales) bt J Johnson 5-3; M *Flowerdew bt M Judge (Ire) 5-4; J Swail (N Ire) bt S Murphy (Ire) 5-3*: A Bolsover bt J Cundy 5-3.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: *European League (England unless stated)*: M Flowerdew bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-2; D Morgan (Wales) bt A Hicks 5-2; P Ebdon bt T Shaw 5-2; M Judge (Ire) bt K Doherty (N Ire) 5-4; S Hendry bt R O'Sullivan 7-1. S Murphy (Ire) bt D Reynolds 5-2.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: M Chang (US) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 7-6, 7-5, 6-3; P Sampras (US) bt J Courier (US) 6-7, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's doubles: Quarter-finals: J Palmer (US) and R Reneberg (US) bt J Hlasek (Switz) and Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 7-6, 7-6, 6-3; J Eltingh (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt K Ullyett (SA) and L Paes (India) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4

Women's singles: Quarter-finals: M Pierce (Fr) bt N Zvereva (Belo) 6-1, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt L Davenport (US) States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3

Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: M Bollegraf (Holl) and L Neiland (Lat) bt K Boogert and N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt L McNeil (US) and H Sukova (Cz) 6-0, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt E Maniokova (Russ) and L Meskhi (Geo) 6-1, 6-3.

Mixed doubles: Second round: Daad Adams (SA) and L Raymond (US) bt G Van Emburgh and N Arendt (US) 6-3, 6-2; S *Stolle (Aus) and M J Fernandez (US) bt P* Cash and K Radford (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) and H Sukova (Cz) bt D MacPherson and *R McQuillan (Aus)* 5-7, 6-4, 7-5

Boys' singles: First round: J Delgado (GB) bt K Goulter (NZ) 6-0, 6-1; M Lee (GB) bt M Jancso (Hun) 7-6, 6-4.

Girls' singles: First round: M Miller (GB) bt B Stewart (Aus) 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; K Roubanova (GB) bt N Johnston (Aus) 6-1, 6-2. Second round: Roubanova bt T Soonalole (W Samoa) 6-2, 6-1; P Gaspar (Hun) bt Miller 6-3, 6-1.

Girls' doubles: First round: M Miller (GB) and A Venkatesan (Aus) bt K Ogle and R Rosenfield (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; J Mi-Ra (S Kor) and K Roubanova (GB) bt *H Inoue* and *M Inoue* (Japan) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Second round: Mi-Ra and Roubanova bt E Knox and A Lawrence (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Miller and A Venkatesan bt N Johnston (Aus) and A Wannachinda (Thai) 7-6, 6-1.

LTA WINTER SERIES: Finals: Stirling: Men: J Pankhurst (Bridge *of* Allan) bt T Smith (Glasgow) 6-4, 6-2. Women: N Burns (Glasgow) bt L Reilly (Edinburgh) 6-4, 7-5. Southampton: Men: N Weal (Hampshire) bt G Hobbs (Dorset) 6-4, 6-2. Women: H Matthews (Berkshire) bt J Dawson (Sussex) 6-3, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Polonia Ealing 3 Wessex 2; Newcastle Staffs 2 Whitefield 3; Camden Aquila 3 Warwick Riga 1; Malory Lewisham 3 Liverpool 0.

WOMEN'S SENIOR KNOCKOUT CUP: KLEA Leeds 3 London OKX 0; Ashcombe Guildford 2 Sale 3; London Malory 3 Birmingham 0; Britannia Music City 3 Liverpool 0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Tottenham (7.45)
Blackburn v Ipswich P
Chelsea v Nottingham Forest (7.45)
*Crystal Palace v Man Utd (7.45)
Man City v Leicester (7.45)
Newcastle v Wimbledon (7.45)
Norwich v Coventry (7.45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Molesey v Yeading.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bedworth v Forest Green

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Alan Lido; Ebbw Vale v Inter Cardiff

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Willesden v St Margaretsbury

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton v Barnstaple; Torrington v Tiverton.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Paget v Brierley Hill

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: St Helens v Eastwood Hanley. League Cup: Third round: Holker Old Boys v Penrith

MANCHESTER FA PREMIER CUP: Second round: Droylsden v Curzon Ashton.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: East Cowes Vics v Cowes Sports

FA VASE: Fourth round replay: Eastwood v Stocksbridge

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Molesey v Cheltenham (7.45); Billingham v Ashton United. Bishop Auckland v Gateshead; VS Rugby v Aylesbury, Hednesford v Altrincham (7.45)

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division Cup: Third round: Dartford v Faversham

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Sheffield v Louth.

BEDS SENIOR CUP: Second round: Brache Sparta v Wootton Blue.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Southampton (at Welling Town, 7.0), Ipswich v Chelsea (at Bury St Edmunds), Luton v Crystal Palace (2.0), Swindon v Watford; Wimbledon v Millwall (at Plough Lane, 2.0). Second division: Cheltenham v Bath; Plymouth v Cardiff. Torquay v Birmingham; Yeovil v Hereford (7.45) League Cup: Exeter v Bournemouth (7.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Rotherham (7.0); Sunderland v Sheffield Utd (7.0). West Bromwich v Leeds (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Oldham (7.0); Hull v Barnsley (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Dulwich Hamlet v Bristol City.

BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round: Distillery v Bangor; Carrick v Ballinamallard; Crewe Utd v Cliftonville; Dungannon Swifts v Cookstown; Limavady v Dungiven (2.15), Brantwood v Moyola Park; Loughgall Utd v Kilmore.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Warwickshire v Worcestershire (at Studley FC, 2.0); West Yorkshire v Merseyside (at Ossett Albion). Under-16: West Midlands v Worcestershire (at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham); Greater Manchester v Lancaster (at Mossley) Manchester Cup: Manchester v Trafford (at Belle Vue). ESFA Fujifilm Trophy: Fifth round: Aldershot v Newport (at Farnborough Town). ESFA Snickers Trophy: Under-19: Dr Challoners, Bucks v Abingdon College, Oxon (2.0), Exeter College v St Austell College (at Exeter Arena, 2.30), Barking Abbey, Essex v Thomas Talis, Inner London (2.0); St Clement Danes, Hertfordshire v Crown Woods, Inner London (2.0); St Ignatius, Middlesex v Erith, Kent (2.0). Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambs v Sprowston High School, Norfolk (at Cambridge Stadium, 2.0). Under-16: King Charles I, Warwickshire v Four Dwellings, West Midlands (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

Representative match
English Schools v Australia Schools
(at Gloucester, 6.15)

Insurance Corporation League
Second division
Wanderers v Terenure Coll (7.0)

Club matches
RAF v Oxford University
(at RAF Halton, 2.15)
Royal Navy v Combined London OB
(Portsmouth, 7.0)
Rugby v Nuneaton (7.30)
Sale v Loughborough Students (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Hull v Widnes
Wakefield v Castleford

Second division
Highfield v Whitehaven
Swinton v Leigh

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Third round
Dewsbury v Kells (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v Leicester (8.0)

SNOOKER: Regal Welsh championship (Sky, Newport).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	60	105	fair	varied	fair	cloud	-3	24/1
	(Good skiing available on hard, re-frozen base)							
Mayrhofen	20	105	good	powder	fair	cloud	2	24/1
	(Fresh powder on hard base, good skiing)							
Obergurgl	65	135	good	powder	good	snow	-6	24/1
	(Great snow conditions everywhere)							
Schladming	75	135	good	varied	good	cloud	0	24/1
	(Excellent piste skiing with fresh powdery snow)							
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	110	250	good	crusty	good	fair	-4	24/1
	(Colder after heavy snow, pistes hard/icy below 1,800m)							
Avoriaz	150	210	good	varied	good	cloud	-3	24/1
	(Colder weather, fresh snow, good skiing but still windy)							
Courchevel	110	200	good	heavy	good	fair	-3	24/1
	(Improved conditions with colder clearer weather)							
Isola	40	80	fair	crust	fair	fine	-2	20/1
	(Reasonably good skiing, some icy patches, no queues)							
Megève	80	240	good	powder	good	fair	0	24/1
	(Fresh snow and colder, good skiing)							
ITALY								
Cervinia	80	250	good	varied	good	fine	0	23/1
	(Superb piste skiing on fresh snow, still windy)							
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	80	150	good	powder	good	fine	-4	24/1
	(20cm of new snow, perfect conditions)							
C Montana	210	280	powder	powder	good	snow	-3	24/1
	(Colder weather and better skiing, poor visibility)							
Grindelwald	35	105	good	heavy	good	fair	0	24/1
	(Fresh snow after rain, improved conditions, good skiing)							
Zermatt	75	265	powder	powder	powder	snow	-2	24/1
	(Fabulous powder skiing, patchy visibility)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Champion trainer faces inquiry over altercation with photographer

Nicholson summoned to Jockey Club

By Julian Muscat

DAVID NICHOLSON, the champion National Hunt trainer, was yesterday summoned by the Jockey Club to explain his part in an unseemly incident with a racecourse photographer at Kempton Park four weeks ago.

Nicholson's treatment of Edward Whitaker, a staff photographer at the trade newspaper, *Racing Post*, was widely reported by the Press after the altercation between them on Boxing Day. Since then, members of the Jockey Club's security department have been taking statements from witnesses, among them Edward Gillespie, a senior official at Kempton.

"I have given some information to the Jockey Club but I have not been asked to give evidence at the inquiry," said Gillespie, who is among the names put forward by Nicholson as witnesses on his behalf. Although no date has yet been set for Nicholson's appearance before the disciplinary committee, the hearing is expected to be convened within two weeks.

The altercation came in the aftermath to the prestigious King George VI Chase, during which the Nicholson-trained Barton Bank was denied victory after unseating his rider, Adrian Maguire, at the last fence.

Immediately after the race, the trainer and his wife, Dinah, were consoling Maguire when Nicholson took objection to the presence of a posse of working photographers. He then confronted Whitaker but has denied hitting him. Nicholson telephoned the photographer at his home the next morning with his apologies.

The disciplinary committee is to consider whether the trainer's conduct constitutes a breach of two separate rules. The first, governing violent or improper conduct, makes provision for a stiff penalty although Jenny Pitman, the Lambourn trainer, was fined £200 for a breach in 1990 after striking Jamie Osborne, the jockey, in the face at Ayr. The second rule relates to behaviour prejudicial to the integrity of racing.

Nicholson declined to comment on his impending visit to Portman Square yesterday. "They have all the papers in front of them and it's up to them what they do," he said. Whitaker, presently away on holiday, is to attend the hearing in person but is not expected to call witnesses on his behalf.

The incident has taken the gloss from Nicholson's outstanding achievements so far this season. He enjoys a lead of almost £100,000 over Martin Pipe in the race for the trainers' title and houses five favourites for championship races at the Cheltenham Festival next month.

Barton Bank, the Gold Cup favourite, is to be joined by stable-companion Dubacilla, again the mount of Dean Gallagher, in the Pillar Properties Investments Chase at Cheltenham on Saturday. They will be opposed by the improving Master Oats and Young Hustler in a significant Festival trial.

However, Nicholson has resisted the temptation to chase a £50,000 bonus with Silver Wedge, who heads the Triumph Hurdle market. That sum is on offer to the connections of any horse which, since Boxing Day, lands three races televised by Channel 4 in addition to a race at the Cheltenham Festival. Silver Wedge has already won the Tolworth Hurdle but was not entered at Cheltenham on Saturday. He is to be kept fresh for the Triumph.

Also on Saturday, Nicholson expects to be represented in five races at Doncaster. Both Meleagris and Musthaveaswig carry the flag in the Great Yorkshire Chase, sponsored for the first time by Worthington Best Bitter, although riding plans for the pair are uncertain. And Eurolink The Lad, transferred to Jackdaws Castle since his last outing three seasons ago, has his first start for Nicholson in the Bessacarr Handicap Hurdle.

Hebridean, an assured favourite for the Stayers' Hurdle in March, lines up against Large Action and Flakey Dove in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham. Also among the opposition is Mudahim, who makes a quick reappearance after his easy victory in Haydock's Premier Long Distance Hurdle last Saturday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: EMILYMOORE
(1.10 Sedgefield)
Next best: Kibby Bank
(2.40 Sedgefield)

JULIAN HERBERT

Barton Bank unships Maguire at the last when clear in the King George VI Chase

SATURDAY'S ACCEPTORS

Cheltenham

2.55 PILLAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS CHASE (£13,615 3m 1f 110yd) (11 acceptors)

Aranice (trained by F Rohaut, Fr) 7-11-12, Barton Bank (D Nicholson) 9-11-12, Cool Ground (D Elsworth) 13-11-12, Katabatic (J Gifford) 12-11-12, Topsham Bay (J Gifford) 12-11-12, Young Hustler (N Twiston Davies) 8-11-12, Sibton Abbey (G Hubbard) 10-11-10, Master Oats (K Bailey) 9-11-6, Riverside Boy (M Pipe) 12-11-6, Superior Finish (Mrs J Pitman) 9-11-6, Dubacilla (D Nicholson) 9-11-5

3.30 CLEEVE HURDLE (Grade I: £25,120. 2m 5f 110yd) (11 acceptors)

Atours (D Elsworth) 7-11-8, Fatack (Miss J Doyle) 6-11-8, Fuzzy Logic (N Twiston Davies) 7-11-8, Granville Again (M Pipe) 9-11-8, Hebridean (D Nicholson) 8-11-8, Large Action (O Sherwood) 7-11-8, Meditator (Miss J Doyle) 11-11-8, Mole Board (J Old) 13-11-8, Mudahim (C Broad) 9-11-8, Sweet Glow (M Pipe) 8-11-8, Flakey Dove (R Price) 9-11-3.

Doncaster

3.45 WORTHINGTON BEST BITTER GREAT YORKSHIRE CHASE (Handicap: £20,808 3m) (18 acceptors)

Country Member (A Turnell) 10-11-11, Beech Road (G Balding) 13-11-7 (3ex), Errant Knight (M Pipe) 11-11-4, Garrison Savannah (Mrs J Pitman) 12-11-3, Superior Finish (Mrs J Pitman) 9-11-1, Romany King (K Bailey) 11-11-0, Forest Sun (C Brooks) 10-10-11, Encore Un Peu (M Pipe) 8-10-11, Couldnt Be Better (C Brooks) 8-10-11, Nevada Gold (F Yardley) 9-10-11, Sir Peter Lely (M Hammond) 8-10-10, Indian Tonic (N Twiston Davies) 9-10-6, Do Be Brief (Mrs J Pitman) 10-10-5, Musthaveaswig (D Nicholson) 9-10-4, Avonburn (P Hedger) 11-10-1, Petoski (N Twiston Davies) 7-10-0, Meleagris (D Nicholson) 11-10-0, Kushbaloo (C Parker) 10-9-10.

Corals' betting: 5-1 Meleagris, 7-1 Couldnt Be Better, Encore Un Peu, 8-1 Superior Finish, 10-1 Beech Road, Romany King, Sir Peter Lely, Indian Tonic, Musthaveaswig, Petoski, 12-1 others.

Moonshell warms to classic agenda of 1,000 Guineas

By Our Racing Staff

MOONSHELL, quoted at 14-1 by William Hill for the 1,000 Guineas on the strength of an impressive win at Doncaster last October, will tackle the first fillies' classic without a preparatory race.

The daughter of Sadler's Wells, who is in Dubai, will attempt to vindicate further the Maktoum family's policy of sending a number of their horses to the warmer climate for the winter. The strategy paid a striking dividend last year when Balanchine finished runner-up in the 1,000 Guineas then triumphed in the Oaks and Irish Derby.

Another to prosper from a spell in Dubai last winter was Cezanne. After five victories at Nad Al Sheba, he improved throughout a European campaign which included wins in the Magnet Cup, a handicap, at York and the group one Guinness Champion Stakes at Leopardstown.

Simon Crisford, representing the Maktoum family, said yesterday: "Moonshell is very well and, although it's a long way off, at this stage the plan is to go straight for the 1,000 Guineas.

"We're still deciding which horses will be coming to Europe for the new season and it's unlikely to be sorted out properly until the end of next month," Crisford added.

However, Halling, the clear-cut winner of last season's Cambridgeshire for John Gosden and already a winner in Dubai this winter, is one of those likely to return. Balanchine is also flourishing as she builds towards a return to action after suffering a near-fatal bout of colic last June.

"She seems in good order and will stay in Dubai until the end of April or the start of May," Crisford said. "There is a possibility that she will return to action in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot."

Gosden: trained Halling

Mole Board milestone

MOLE BOARD, who made his first Champion Hurdle appearance six years ago, is poised to make his mark in the record books win or lose this March.

He will become the first 13-year-old to run in the race if, as intended, he lines up for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on March 14.

Jim Old's stalwart became only the second horse to compete in the race as a 12-year-old when he finished fourth behind Flakey Dove last year. The only other 12-year-old to have taken part in the race, first run in 1927, was Hatton Grace, three times the champion before finishing fifth in 1952.

"To be honest, I wasn't aware that Mole Board would be breaking any record," Old said yesterday. "I find it very difficult to believe he is 13. I ride him out every day and there are not too many five-year-olds who give you a rougher time."

Mole Board may run in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

1.10 Rasin Luck
1.40 Shut Up
2.10 Monaru
2.40 Sheelin Lad
3.10 POSITIVE ACTION (nap)
3.40 Thornton Gate
4.10 Windswept Lady

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 SKI-ING NATIONAL HUNT MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,080: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

101 00 FAIR CRUISE 47 (H Llewellyn) Mrs V Aconley 6-11-4 D Byrne –
102 P/PP0-P0 KERRY TO CLARE 28 (T Gibson) T Gibson 9-11-4 Mr M Cogles –
103 RU- MISS MONT 256P (Mrs K Holliday) D Moffatt 6-11-4 D J Moffatt (3) –
104 0 MOLLY MINSTREL 79 (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-11-4 A Maguire –
105 044/06F MOSSIE GOLD 12 (Mrs R Greenshields) C Parker 8-11-4 Mr D Parker (5) –
106 0-PP MY BONNY 4 (W Haney) J Dodds 6-11-4 F Leahy (5) –
107 00 RASIN LUCK 25 (R Craggs) R Craggs 5-11-4 G Lee (5) –
108 ROMANY SMITH (A Le Blond) A Le Blond 9-11-4 A Larnach (3) –
109 0 AMY'S DREAM 5 (J Holdroyd) R Woodhouse 4-10-6 D Parker –
110 0 EMILYMOORE 11 (Mrs E Dixon) P Beaumont 4-10-6 C Hawkins –

BETTING: 7-4 Emilymoore, 9-4 Rasin Luck, 4-1 Mossie Gold, 8-1 Kerry To Clare, 12-1 Molly Minstrel, 20-1 Romany Smith, Amy's Dream, 25-1 others.

1994: MY ADVENTURE 4-10-5 L Wyer (10-1) M H Easterby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

FAIR CRUISE 82l 16th of 17 to Sevso in National Hunt Flat race at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start. KERRY TO CLARE 104l 7th of 8 to Plumbob in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good). MOLLY MINSTREL 101l last of 12 to Distant Lady in novice hurdle at Carlisle (3m 110yd, good). OSSIE GOLD distance last of 6 to Palacegate King in handicap hurdle at Hexham (2m, heavy) on penultimate start. RASIN LUCK 12l 7th of 16 to Another Venture in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft). AMY'S DREAM 52l 9th of 18 to Familiar in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft). EMILYMOORE 25l 7th of 16 to Soldan Hello in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: RASIN LUCK

1.40 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,164: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

201 3530V WHISTLING GIPSY 1085 (F,G,S) (P Gormley) H Oliver 10-11-10 Jacqui Oliver –
202 5221/52- THARSIS 523 (F,G) (W Smith) W Smith 10-11-5 S Taylor (7) 98
203 230/00 BEAUMOOD 26 (V,G) (B Chambers) E Alston 9-11-5 A Procter (3) –
204 24410-0 HOT PUNCH 30 (C,S) (H Alexander) H Alexander 6-11-5 D Thomas (7) [illegible]
205 2/F0F4-2 LITTLE CONKER 56 (A Smith) A Smith 7-10-7 S Turner 98
206 0/P05- CAPITAL LAD 259 (G Singleton) M Avison 6-10-2 R Garritty 87
207 U-P3346 TROPNEVAD 51 (V) (J Davenport) J Jefferson 7-10-2 A Maguire 85
208 P40-PP0 DUTCH BLUES 30 (C,D,S) (Scotnorth Racing Ltd) Mrs S Austin 8-10-2 D Wilkinson 90
209 058200 SHUT UP 12 (CD,G) (B Moscrop) Mrs E Moscrop 6-10-1 K Johnson 98
210 F0F0 NOSMO KING 11 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-0 Mrs M Kendall –
211 000/06- EASY RHYTHM 431 (B Temple) B Temple 8-10-0 L Wyer –

Long handicap: Nosmo King 9-10, Easy Rhythm 9-0.

BETTING: 11-4 Little Conker, 4-1 Hot Punch, 5-1 Shut Up, 7-1 Capital Lad, 8-1 Tharsis, 10-1 Beaumood, Tropnevad, 12-1 Dutch Blues, 14-1 others.

1994: MANWELL 7-10-0 C Grant (10-1) B Temple 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHISTLING GIPSY 45l 8th of 18 to Sentinel Silver in handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 6f) in February 1992. THARSIS 14l 2nd of 4 to Nats Jewel in handicap hurdle at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) August 1993. BEAUMOOD distance 7th of 8 to Easlam Pleasure in handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). HOT PUNCH 73l last of 9 to White Willow in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). LITTLE CONKER short-head 2nd of 16 to Skolern in selling handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good) with SHUT UP (10lb better off) about 19l 9th. CAPITAL LAD about 38l 5th of 12 to Chadwick's Ginger in selling hurdle at Southwell (2m 2f, good to firm). TROPNEVAD best effort this term 10½l 3rd of 14 to Milne's Villain in selling hurdle at Hexham (2m, good). SHUT UP best effort this term 2l 2nd of 13 to Superboo in selling novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: LITTLE CONKER

2.10 ACROPOLA HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,338: 3m 3f 110yd) (7 runners)

301 104020 MONARU 11 (C,F,G,S) (R Meredith) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 B Lee (5) 96
302 65P12-1 SANSOOL 9 (V,S) (A Whillans) A Whillans 9-11-10 (6ex) M Moloney [illegible]
303 42-4F25 LION OF VIENNA 11 (S) (J Mason) T Carr 8-11-7 Richard Guest 95
304 53-20P2 MANWELL 30 (C,S) (B Temple) B Temple 8-10-2 L Wyer 91
305 P-P4F5P MISS CAPULET 9 (B,G,S) (C P Racing) T Donnelly 8-10-1 T Eley (3) 97
306 P550PF FIRST LORD 35 (B,G,S) (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-0 P Gould (7) –
307 50F0 TUDOR FELLOW 4 (B) (John Wade) J Wade 6-10-0 A Maguire –

Long handicap: First Lord 9-13, Tudor Fellow 9-8

BETTING: 2-1 Sansool, 5-2 Monaru, 7-2 Lion Of Vienna, 6-1 Manwell, 12-1 Miss Capulet, 14-1 First Lord, 25-1 Tudor Fellow

1994: JENDEE 6-10-3 A Larnach (5-2) J Fitzgerald 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONARU 1¼l 2nd to Farmer's Cross in handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. SANSOOL beat Dal Couture 8l in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (3m 4f 110yd, soft). LION OF VIENNA 13½l 5th of 10 to Morgans Harbour in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good) with MONARU (1lb better off) 16½l 7th. MANWELL 4l 2nd of 12 to Memorable in handicap hurdle here (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). MISS CAPULET 22¼l 5th to Sunset Again in novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft) on penultimate start. TUDOR FELLOW 69l 9th of 23 to Dorlin Castle in maiden hurdle at Carlisle (3m 1f 110yd, soft).
Selection: LION OF VIENNA

2.40 WINTER SPORTS MAIDEN CHASE (£2,999: 3m 3f) (16 runners)

401 245/0-00 BUSY BOY 12 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 8-11-5 Mr A Manners (7) –
402 U/U- GARCALL 387 (G) (D Whillans) D Whillans 9-11-5 N Doughty –
403 P0/0-45 GERRYMANDER 80 (H Owen) M Hammond 9-11-5 P Niven –
404 /PP-0 GROS 12 (V) (W Wallace) D Eddy 8-11-5 B Storey –
405 0-4U KIBBY BANK 9 (J Henderson (Co Durham)) J Johnson 6-11-5 N Williamson 70
406 594-396 LAST REFUGE 30 (Mrs V Chilton) T Carr 6-11-5 Richard Guest –
407 /P4U0P MILEY PIKE 5 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 8-11-5 Mr N Tutty –
408 P5P-04P MOSSIMAN 9 (Mrs C Alexander) J Barclay 7-11-5 A Thornton –
409 P0U65-0 NORTH HOLLOW 43 (B) (D McCain) D McCain 10-11-5 D McCain (5) –
410 02/P4U0 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 29 (G,S) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 7-11-5 C Hawkins –
411 0/U ROSE'S ORPHAN 35 (D Todd) D Todd 9-11-5 K Jones –
412 00-0U33 SHEELIN LAD 9 (Roman Wall Racing) L Lungo 7-11-5 T Reed [illegible]
413 P0/P WOLFSVILLE 30 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 7-11-5 J Burke (3) –
414 6/43 ESTABLISH 30 (W Harvey) J Dodds 7-11-0 A Maguire 83
415 04-P3PU MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 5 (Mrs V Robson) R Tate 7-11-0 Mrs F Needham 81
416 3F5-0 MELADAR 37 (T Smith) R Barr 8-11-0 N Smith –

BETTING: 3-1 Sheelin Lad, 4-1 Establish, 5-1 Mischievous Girl, 6-1 Kibby Bank, 8-1 Gerrymander, 10-1 One For The Chief, 12-1 Last Refuge, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GERRYMANDER 16¼l 5th of 9 to Same Difference in novice handicap hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good). KIBBY BANK 19¼l 4th of 15 to Barney Rubble in novice chase at Hexham (3m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start. MILEY PIKE unseated rider 12th. LAST REFUGE 65½l 6th of 10 to Master Boston in novice chase here (2m 5f, good to soft). WOLFSVILLE tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. SHEELIN LAD 4½l 3rd of 14 to Ninia in novice chase at Carlisle (3m, soft). Previously 25l 2nd and neck 3rd of 9 to Barney Rubble in novice chase at Ayr (3m 1f, soft) with MOSSIMAN distance 4th. ESTABLISH 10l and head 3rd of 10 to D'Arblay Street in novice hurdle here (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft). MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 24l best effort this season 24l 3rd of 12 to Dark Oak in novice chase at Market Rasen (3m 4f, good)
Selection: SHEELIN LAD (nap)

3.10 CURLING AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,746: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

501 P44113 POSITIVE ACTION 18 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (G Campbell) M Barnes 9-12-0 D Parker (5) 97
502 330/15-5 RARE FIRE 46 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Askew) Mrs M Reveley 11-11-3 M H Naughton (7) 94
503 5F-54F2 CIRCULATION 30 (D,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 9-10-7 C Bonner (5) [illegible]
504 UF/P/P5 ANOTHER DYER 40 (S) (Mackinnon Mills) L Lungo 11-10-4 M Rimell (7) –
505 543P50 BARKISLAND 12 (G,S) (J Veitch) P Beaumont 11-10-3 Mrs A Farrell 97
506 363-0 ABBENOIR 39 (G,S) (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 13-10-0 Mrs M Kendall (7) 93

BETTING: 2-1 Positive Action, 9-4 Circulation, 3-1 Rare Fire, 7-1 Another Dyer, 8-1 Barkisland, 14-1 Abbenoir.

1994: MAUDLINS CROSS 9-11-8 Mr M Buckley (2-1) Mrs M Reveley 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

POSITIVE ACTION 26½l 3rd of 5 to What's In Orbit in handicap chase at Warwick (2m, soft). Previously beat CIRCULATION (1lb better off) neck in handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft). RARE FIRE 39l 5th of 10 to Tiananlaya in claiming chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good); BARKISLAND pulled up before 3 out. ANOTHER DYER distance 5th of 6 to Moonshine Dancer in handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). BARKISLAND 37l 11th to Boarding School in handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good).
Selection: POSITIVE ACTION

3.40 DOWNHILL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,276: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

601 44-5541 EMERALD SEA 9 (D,S) (Mrs C Alexander) J Barclay 8-11-8 A Thornton 91
602 2216 FOX SPARROW 30 (BF,S) (B Todd) N Tinkler 5-11-8 A Dobbin 99
603 5310 THORNTON GATE 11 (G) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 6-11-8 L Wyer [illegible]
604 0 BOETHIUS 11 (J Walton) F Walton 6-11-2 B Storey –
605 6-43 KNUCKLEBUSTER 9 (A Rankin) R Fahey 5-11-2 P Niven 82
606 0039-05 TASHREEF 49 (S Alcock) J Birkett 5-11-2 B Harding (5) –
607 60-C40F VAL DE RAMA 50 (D Morland) Denys Smith 6-11-2 N Williamson 90
608 CHANTRY BELLINI 19F (Mrs J Scott) Mrs S Austin 6-10-11 D Wilkinson –
609 0/ HEATHER RUN 1120 (J Barnes) J Birkett 7-10-11 Mr C Rosier –
610 30 STEPHANENTSE 40 (J Robinson) E Alston 5-10-11 A Procter (3) 75

BETTING: 9-4 Emerald Sea, 5-2 Thornton Gate, 7-2 Fox Sparrow, 7-1 Knucklebuster, 10-1 Val De Rama, 14-1 Chantry Bellini, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EMERALD SEA beat Corston Racer 10l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft) with KNUCKLEBUSTER (6lb better off) 5l 3rd. FOX SPARROW beat Staynor 10l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. THORNTON GATE beat Queens Consul 2l in 11-runner novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start with FOX SPARROW (7lb better off) 32¼l 6th. TASHREEF 34l 5th of 7 to On Air in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). VAL DE RAMA best effort this season 25l 3rd of 14 to Stoproveritate in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: THORNTON GATE

4.10 SKI-ING NATIONAL HUNT MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £2,080: 2m 1f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 ANOTHER GIRL (S Frieer) J Haldane 6-11-4 N Doughty –
2 0-0 CASTLE ROUGE 39 (D McCain) D McCain 6-11-4 D McCain (5) –
3 54/65-00 CLERIC ON BROADWAY 9 (G Orchard) Mrs A Naughton 7-11-4 Richard Guest –
4 403-6FP JOYFUL IMP 67 (Mrs E Dixon) J Dixon 8-11-4 L O'Hara –
5 6-0 OWENS QUEST 47 (London Racing Club) T Etherington 5-11-4 A Thornton –
6 06 POLLY TWO 25 (A Forty) Mrs S Austin 5-11-4 D Wilkinson –
7 0504 TOPOFTHENORTHRACING 12 (Top Of The North Racing) P Beaumont 5-11-4 R Supple –
8 58-2 WINDSWEPT LADY 47 (Mrs S McDonald) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-4 P Niven –
9 U0 WHIRLWIND ROMANCE 5 (K Jeffery) W Kemp 4-10-6 S McDougall –

BETTING: 4-7 Windswept Lady, 4-1 Polly Two, 5-1 Topofthenorthracing, 10-1 Joyful Imp, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE ROUGE 91l 10th of 14 to High Low in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft). CLERIC ON BROADWAY 52l 9th of 13 to Montrave in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft). WHIRLWIND ROMANCE unseated rider at 1st. JOYFUL IMP best effort last season 15l 3rd of 7 to Parsnicarily in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, firm). POLLY TWO 12½l 6th of 16 to Another Venture in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft). TOPOFTHENORTHRACING 6l 4th of 15 to Alacon Hew in novice handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). WINDSWEPT LADY 2l 2nd of 16 to Queen Of Spades in National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: POLLY TWO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	69	223	30.9	Jacqui Oliver	4	8	50.0
D Eddy	3	11	27.3	G Lee	6	16	37.5
M H Easterby	24	96	25.0	P Niven	56	191	29.3
H Alexander	3	12	25.0	L Wyer	27	111	24.3
L Lungo	6	34	17.6	M Dwyer	29	131	22.1
P Beaumont	15	88	17.0	F Leahy	6	30	20.0

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Posted Abroad. 2.30 Arndilly. 3.00 Battleship Bruce. 3.30 Off The Air. 4.00 Carrolls Marc. 4.30 Leigh Crofter.

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Posted Abroad. 3.00 Battleship Bruce. 3.30 KAAFIH HOMM (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.30 KAAFIH HOMM.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 HADDOCK MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,589: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (1) 0 HONEST ACHIEVER 7 F James 4-9-5 D Harrison –
2 (2) 56-5 LADY VALENSINA 7 (B) B Llewellyn 4-9-5 J Weaver 95
3 (4) CAPTAIN SINBAD [illegible] 3-8-6 M Adams –
4 (8) 33- POSTED ABROAD 41 M Prescott 3-8-6 W Woods 90
5 (3) 05-3 JALMAID 14 B McMahon 3-8-3 S Sanders (5) [illegible]
6 (5) NUTHATCH M Usher 3-8-3 C Adamson (7) –
7 (6) 0 SAND STAR 14 D Haydn Jones 3-8-3 A Mackay 78
8 (7) 5- WINNING WONDER 125 C Brittain 3-8-3 B Doyle –

5-4 Posted Abroad, 3-1 Lady Valensina, 7-2 Jalmaid, 5-1 Winning Wonder, 10-1 Sand Star, 12-1 Nuthatch, 14-1 others.

2.30 MACKEREL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,580: 7f) (10)

1 (9) -251 DREAM CARRIER 9 (CD,F,G) T Barron 7-9-12 Kimberley Hart (7) [illegible]
2 (6) 14-0 ARNDILLY 9 (B,C,G) B Meehan 4-8-11 R Cochrane 95
3 (7) 3-51 RAGAZZO 18 (B,D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-10 L Charnock 87
4 (4) 02-0 AS SUCH 8 (G) N Callaghan 4-8-8 L Dettori 86
5 (10) -313 ALPINE JOHNNY 4 (CD) R Hollinshead 4-8-6 A Garth (5) 89
6 (1) 00-6 GRANDEE 12 (G) B McMahon 4-8-6 J Weaver 70
7 (5) 2-24 WALK THE BEAT 14 (BF,F,G,S) R Simpson 5-8-6 S Drowne (5) 95
8 (3) 0-40 BOLD MICK 18 (S) D Murray Smith 4-8-4 D R McCabe (5) 86
9 (8) 000- TITANIUM HONDA 25 (B) C Brittain 4-8-0 B Doyle 72
10 (2) -000 BESSIE'S WILL 7 D Haydn Jones 4-7-13 A Mackay –

6-4 Dream Carrier, 7-2 Arndilly, 4-1 Walk The Beat, 6-1 Ragazzo, 8-1 Alpine Johnny, 12-1 Bold Mick, 14-1 Titanium Honda, 16-1 others.

3.00 TROUT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,368: 1m 100yd) (5)

1 (5) 013- DARK SHOT 30 (G) J Berry 9-7 P Roberts (7) 87
2 (1) 14-2 KOMREYEV DANCER 18 (CD,BF,G) A Bailey 9-2 T Ives 93
3 (2) 1-12 BATTLESHIP BRUCE 8 (D,G,S) N Callaghan 8-7 L Dettori [illegible]
4 (4) 3-31 NIGEL'S LAD 15 (G) P Haslam 8-5 J Weaver 94
5 (3) 06-1 CONTRAFIRE 21 (CD,G) W Jarvis 8-4 W Woods 90

4-5 Battleship Bruce, 7-2 Nigel's Lad, 5-1 Komreyev Dancer, 7-1 Contrafire, 10-1 Dark Shot.

3.30 SALMON HANDICAP (£4,046: 1m 1f 79yd) (7)

1 (2) 4' JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 30J (F,G) W G Turner 8-10-0 M Wigham –
2 (5) 60-0 RAINBOW WALK 14 (C,G) J O'Shea 5-10-0 J Stack (5) 91
3 (1) 160- FOLLY FINNESSE 23J (S) B Millman 4-9-5 J Williams 91
4 (4) 1-44 BENTICO 14 (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-2 S Sanders (5) 93
5 (6) 00-5 BRAVEBOY 8 (S) C Brittain 7-8-8 B Doyle 92
6 (7) -211 KAAFIH HOMM 4 (G) N Callaghan 4-8-7 (5ex) R Cochrane [illegible]
7 (3) -214 OFF THE AIR 5 (V,CD,G,S) I Campbell 4-7-9 J Quinn 92

4-5 Kaafih Homm, 7-2 Braveboy, 4-1 Bentico, 7-1 Off The Air, 10-1 Folly Finnesse, 14-1 Jonjas Chudleigh, Rainbow Walk.

4.00 BREAM SELLING STAKES
(£2,537: 1m 6f 166yd) (12)

1 (5) -430 SASSIVER 7 (G) R Hollinshead 5-9-7 L Dettori 84
2 (9) 0-34 CARROLLS MARC 4 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 7-9-2 J Weaver 90
3 (3) 00-0 DISSIDENT DANCER 14 J Peacock 6-9-2 T Wall –
4 (1) 06-0 SHARP SENSATION 12 (G) D Nicholls 5-9-2 Alex Greaves 74
5 (2) 53-4 AERIAL VIEW 18 W G M Turner 4-8-11 R Perham 82
6 (4) 0-0 ALMOST A PRINCESS 15J (B,S) W G M Turner 7-8-11 D R McCabe (5) –
7 (8) 0-00 BETABETCORBETT 18 B Baugh 4-8-11 P Roberts (7) 79
8 (12) 4 CHAPEL HILL 7 B Llewellyn 7-8-11 D Harrison 86
9 (6) 46-2 CLIBURNEL NEWS 8 (D,F,G) W Muir 5-8-11 Stephen Davies [illegible]
10 (10) 100- EPICA 30 (B,C,G) A Bailey 4-8-11 T Ives 98
11 (7) 0-04 ZAAHEYAH 12 M Hammond 5-8-11 R Cochrane 82
12 (11) 0-5 BLUE PENNANT 18 T Bill 4-8-6 S Webster 60

3-1 Carrolls Marc, 4-1 Cliburnel News, 6-1 Epica, Zaaheyah, 7-1 Chapel Hill, Sassiver, 10-1 Aerial View, 12-1 others.

4.30 HALIBUT HANDICAP
(£3,708: 5f) (10)

1 (10) 4-41 LEIGH CROFTER 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Cundell 6-10-0 T Ives 96
2 (5) 04-1 VERY DICEY 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-13 P Roberts (7) 95
3 (9) -125 PAGEBOY 12 (D,BF,F,G) P Haslam 6-9-9 J Weaver 94
4 (7) -632 SAMSON-AGONISTES 7 (BF,CD,F,G,S) P Evans 9-9-8 J Stack (5) 95
5 (3) 31-2 KALAR 14 (B,D,F,G) D Chapman 6-9-1 L Dettori 95
6 (2) -350 DELROB 4 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-1 A Mackay 92
7 (8) 0-26 FARASTRADA 7 (B) B Preece 4-8-13 A Eddery (7) 98
8 (4) 0631 NINEACRES 8 (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-8-11 Alex Greaves 98
9 (1) 30-5 SCORED AGAIN 14 (CD,F,G,S) M Heaton Ellis 5-8-9 Amanda Sanders (7) [illegible]
10 (6) 0-00 TOMMY TEMPEST 14 (B,CD,G,S) A Bailey 6-7-7 G Bardwell 88

7-2 Leigh Crofter, 4-1 Kalar, 5-1 Pageboy, 6-1 Samson-Agonistes, 7-1 Scored Again, Very Dicey, 8-1 Nineacres, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 9 winners from 33 runners, 27.3%; P Haslam, 16 from 71, 22.5%; T Barron, 7 from 32, 21.9%; J Berry, 18 from 102, 17.6%; B Meehan, 4 from 24, 16.7%; A Bailey, 15 from 93, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 37 winners from 138 rides, 26.8%; L Dettori, 32 from 108, 20.4%; R Cochrane, 8 from 51, 15.7%; D Harrison, 7 from 48, 14.6%; S Sanders, 8 from 74, 10.8%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Sedgefield: 2.10 Tudor Fellow, 2.40 Gros. Wolverhampton: 2.30 Arndilly

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.15 (7f) 1, **MAID WELCOME** (Amanda Sanders, 5-2 fav); 2, **Our Shadee** (C Scally, 6-1); 3, **Sharp Imp** (J D Smith, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Joins Effort (6th), 8 Bonny Melody, 12 Europharm Lassie, 16 Myjinka (4th), 25 Kelly's Kite, 50 Crafty Cricketer (5th), Whatone Bell. 10 ran. NR: Claret Bumble. Hd, 1½l, 1l, 4l, nk. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote £2.30; £1.10, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £7.00. Trio: £5.50. CSF: £15.73. Tricast: £48.39.

1.45 (1m 4f) 1, **PRINCE DANZIG** (L Dettori, 5-1); 2, **Lon Isa** (A Clark, 50-1); 3, **Long Furlong** (S Sanders, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 1-2 fav Elementary (4th), 16 Mediator (5th), 50 Emmie's Sister, Forever Blushing (6th). 7 ran. 2l, ½l, 6l, 7l, 25l. D Murray-Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote £8.00; £2.10, £7.60. DF: £123.40. CSF: £111.95.

2.15 (1m) 1, **IRON MAN** (S Drowne, 10-1); 2, **Good So Fa** (S Mulvey, 4-1); 3, **Witney-De-Bergerac** (R Hughes, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Fahema (4th), 5 Little Scarlett (6th), Tachycardia (5th), 20 Two Way Stretch, 25 Cuban Reef, 33 Fosters Top, 50 Red Cove Lady, 66 Plucky Pet. 11 ran. NR: Mavcari Kitty. 1l, 3l, 3½l, hd, 4l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £5.70; £3.90, £1.10, £3.40. DF: £17.10. CSF: £47.71.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, **BIREQUEST** (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, **Rawya** (J Weaver, 3-1); 3, **Secret Aly** (M Fenton, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Salvoranter (4th), 7 Our Eddie, 12 Global Dancer (6th), 14 Zacaroon (5th), 20 Ultimate Warrior, 25 Friendly Brave. 9 ran. NR: A Million Watts, Sozzled. 2½l, 4l, 2l, 2½l, 3l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £1.50, £2.20, £1.40. DF: £10.60. Trio: £21.90. CSF: £17.12. Tricast: £53.49.

3.15 (6f) 1, **ONE FOR JEANNIE** (J Weaver, 5-4 fav); 2, **Prince Rudolf** (M Fenton, 7-1); 3, **Bon Secret** (S Sanders, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3-2 Rotherfield Park, 20 Princess In Blue, Shartel (5th), Two Chalk (6th), 25 Nomadic Dancer (4th), 33 First Point, Royal Uprising. 10 ran. NR: Hall Tone. 3l, 1½l, 3½l, 1½l, nk. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £6.90. Trio: £5.90. CSF: £10.48. Tricast: £25.51.

3.45 (2m) 1, **ART FORM** (T Ives, 3-1); 2, **Argyle Cavalier** (Oliver Casey, 15-8 fav); 3, **Arc Bright** (L Dettori, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Elburg (4th), 25 Arctic Guest (5th), Ragtime Song (6th), 50 The Country Dancer. 7 ran. 3½l, 1¼l, 3l, 2½l, dist. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £2.90; £2.00, £1.90. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.76.

4.15 (7f) 1, **WORDS OF WISDOM** (D R McCabe, 9-1); 2, **The Little Ferret** (L Suthern, 4-1); 3, **Swallow Ridge** (S Mulvey, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Bogart (4th), 9-2 Meeson Times (6th), 13-2 Girgentio, 10 Darakah, 12 Veloce (5th), 14 Rustic League, 25 Scots Law. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l, nk, 1¼l, 1¼l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £16.70; £3.80, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £18.30. Trio: £107.80. CSF: £44.63. Tricast: £282.73.

Jackpot: £9,207.30 (0.3 winning tickets. Pool of £9,077.64 carried forward to Sedgefield today).

Placepot: £161.80. Quadpot: £5.80

Prospects fine for turf return

AFTER the abandonment of Lingfield's turf meeting today, prospects for the remainder of the week's racing are bright.

There is no inspection for today's meeting at Sedgefield, while officials at both Huntingdon and Wincanton report no problems for tomorrow's fixtures.

The going is soft, heavy on the run-in, at Huntingdon, where Adam Waterworth, the course manager, said yesterday: "We have had no rain today and could have raced. Some rain is forecast for tomorrow and it all depends on how much falls but we are very optimistic."

Ian Renton, the clerk of the course at Wincanton, was equally hopeful, saying: "We don't foresee any problems. Rain is expected both tonight and tomorrow, but unless we have an absolute deluge then we're confident of going ahead. The going is soft and good to soft in places."

The going for Saturday's meeting at Cheltenham is soft with heavy patches and Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, reports the ground to be "drying out all the time."

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Dettori takes lead with Lingfield double

LANFRANCO DETTORI edged ahead of his main rival on the all-weather, Jason Weaver, with a 29-1 double at Lingfield Park yesterday.

At the start of racing the pair were level with 17 winners apiece, but Dettori took the lead when Prince Danzig (5-1) beat Lon Isa by two lengths in the Westminster Claiming Stakes.

The second leg of Dettori's double came when he made all on Birequest in the Daily Star Challenge Qualifier for a 2½-length victory from Rawya. Winning trainer Ron Boss said: "The colt was a June foal and is really only half-way through his three-year-old career now. I think he will win a decent mile and a half race on the turf eventually."

Weaver pulled one back when partnering One For Jeannie to victory in the Lingfield Park Sprint Series Handicap Qualifier. The Alan Bailey-trained filly justified heavy support, which saw her sent off the 5-4 favourite.

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Courier defeated by heavy-hearted compatriot in Australian Open

Courageous Sampras fights back the tears

From Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent in Melbourne

PETE SAMPRAS has, in a sense, already captured the Australian Open. Whether he can find the strength to defend his title over the next four days, the championship this year is destined to be remembered for his physical resilience and emotional vulnerability in the face of unremitting hardship.

Forty-eight hours after coming back from a two-set deficit against Magnus Larsson in the fourth round, Sampras, of the United States, repeated the feat against Jim Courier in an extraordinary quarter-final that did not finish until after 1 o'clock this morning. The exhaustion he could endure; the strain of losing his ailing coach was too much to bear.

Tim Gullickson, who has guided him to four of his five grand slam finals, was being flown back to the United States for further tests on a heart problem as Sampras walked back onto the floodlit centre court to begin the fifth set. "Win it for your coach," a spectator shouted.

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The No 1 seed held his composure until midway through the third game. Although he continually wiped his face on his sleeve in an attempt to conceal his tears, he was in distress and seemingly on the verge of collapse. A hush descended on the stadium as he appeared unable to serve.

Courier, recognising that his friend and rival was distraught, voiced his concern. "Are you doing OK, Pete?" he asked. "We can do this tomorrow, you know." Amid the silence, Sampras was comforted from the players' box.

"Just hang in there, honey," Delaine Mulcahy, his partner, cried. Sampras responded with a couple of thunderous aces and a service winner. His crisis was over, but Courier was about to enter his, as their duel, which was to be hailed as a classic, approached four hours. At 3-4 and after four deuces, Courier struck a weary forehand into the net to concede the decisive break. Sampras held his service and left to a standing ovation. His victory, by 6-7, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, will be etched in the memory of all who witnessed it.

The quality was as high as that displayed in the Wimbledon final of 1980, featuring the protracted tie-break between Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe. The tension was as taut as that played in the French Open semi-final of 1989 between Michael Chang, a 17-year-old racked with cramp, and Ivan Lendl, in his pomp.

Rarely, if ever, though, have two men waged such brutal warfare for so long. In view of the severity of the hitting (Courier treats the ball as though he never wants to see it again), the precision was all the more remarkable.

Courier won the first tie-break 7-4, with the assistance of Sampras's initial double fault, and the second 7-3 through his own excellence. His opponent did not earn a break point for almost two and a quarter hours but he seized it when it came, at 1-1 in the third set.

On the stroke of midnight, Courier broke to lead 3-2 with a typically ferocious forehand down the line and, serving at 4-3 and 40-15, he was five points away from a fourth successive semi-final. He was then betrayed by his own nerves, which induced cramp in his limbs.

"I was just trying to get the ball in the air without falling over," Courier said. He yielded the next four points and, later, with a wild smash, the fourth set. "I knew something special was happening out there as early as the second set. We weren't missing anything."

Convinced that he had played no better here in 1992 and 1993, when he won the title, he could not recall a match of greater intensity. It took a heavy toll.

"I was serious [about postponing the final set]. He was looking bad and I was feeling bad."

Through Paul McNamee, the new tournament director, Sampras confirmed that his "obvious discomfort" had been caused by his concern for his coach. Although he fulfilled his obligation to attend the press conference, he was still upset and close to breaking down.

"That was one of the better matches I've ever taken part in," he managed to say. "I'm proud that I didn't quit, and to come through against one of the fitter guys on the tour means a lot to me. I hope I can recover from this experience."

He will not be spared another ordeal. Tomorrow, in the heat of the day, he is to tussle with the durable Chang. It promises to be a survival of the fittest. Sampras was treated for a cut foot and his compatriot, who beat Andrei Medvedev in a comparatively insignificant quarter-final, for "tightness in the legs".

The semi-final in the bottom half of the women's draw will pit Conchita Martinez, the Wimbledon champion, against Mary Pierce, the French Open runner-up. They knocked out Lindsay Davenport and Natasha Zvereva respectively.

PAUL ESTCOURT

Courier, left, has a word with Sampras after their gripping match in the Australian Open yesterday

Pierce overpowers Zvereva to reach the semi-finals

Seay inspires Chargers to seek triumph against odds

From Andrew Longmore in Miami

A MEDIA steamroller began to rumble towards the 29th Super Bowl yesterday, but it will need to gather more momentum if potentially the most one-sided Super Bowl in history is to deflect minds in the United States away from the other main event. The Trial of O. J. Simpson.

The San Diego Chargers, the underdogs, feign nonchalance at their mongrels' tag. They have worn it so long that the irritation has long gone and, for all the pedigree champions in the corner of the San Francisco 49ers, they do have on their side the one person capable of bringing a sense of perspective to all the talk.

Only Mark Seay, the Chargers' wide receiver, can point to the scars on his side and say that he knows the true meaning of survival. He is, though, happy to be the symbol of his team's fighting spirit. "This team and what we have been through this season reminds me of everything that has happened in my life, all the ups and downs," he said, looking out across the Joe Robbie stadium, venue for the 29th Super Bowl, on Sunday.

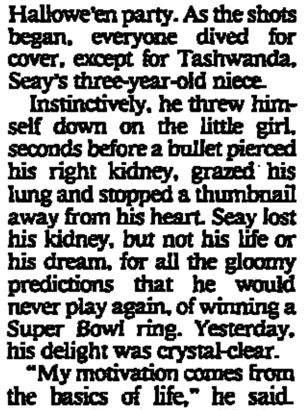
Seay's life nearly ended on October 30, 1988, when gunmen opened fire on his sister's apartment in Long Beach. Seay, a 21-year-old second-year student at Long Beach State University, was helping his sister with the children's Hallowe'en party. As the shots began, everyone dived for cover, except for Tashwanda, Seay's three-year-old niece.

Instinctively, he threw himself down on the little girl, seconds before a bullet pierced his right kidney, grazed his lung and stopped a thumbnail away from his heart. Seay lost his kidney, but not his life or his dream, for all the gloomy predictions that he would never play again, of winning a Super Bowl ring. Yesterday, his delight was crystal-clear.

"My motivation comes from the basics of life," he said. "Everything in my life has happened for a reason, everything has come together to prepare me for this day."

Seay's struggle for recognition did not end with his long, painful, recovery. His university, frightened that they might be liable for damages if Seay was injured again playing football, refused to reinstate him, and it was only when a kidney specialist gave his approval that Seay was welcomed back.

To add a twist to the tale, Seay spent his early professional career with the 49ers. He moved to the Chargers two years ago and was so frustrated by his lack of opportunities that he nearly gave up the game at the start of this season. After all he has suffered, might not being 19-point underdogs make him mad? "No, not mad. I look at these things with a spiritual eye. If I had looked at things through the human eye, I would never have got here. It's as I said: everything in life has a reason. By the end of the game on Sunday, you will understand what that reason is."



Seay: fighting spirit

WORD-WATCHING

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PARACME

(b) The stage after one's peak, beyond one's prime, when decline, senescence and decay set in, and one cannot remember the names of people or things.

DENTILOQUY

(c) The act or practice of speaking through clenched teeth. Ventriloquists are almost, though never completely, dentiloquists. From the Latin *dens, dentis* a tooth + *loquor* I speak. "Really, dear, do we have to have the dentiloquy act again. Just because of a tiny scratch or two on the bonnet — which wasn't all my fault anyway."

GRAPHOLAGNIA

(c) Fascination for and love of obscene pictures. "Well, Vicar, I've been at art school for a year now, and it's been the making of me. I think I enjoy the grapholagnia most of all; it's not as practical as industrial design, of course, but then personal satisfaction is important too, isn't it?"

REGELATION

(b) Freezing together again, after having melted apart (as ice may do, when it is subject to changing levels of temperature). "So Kathryn and Stuart are back together again, eh? Five years after their divorce! Are they going to have a regelation service?"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxg7+! Kxg7 2 Bh6+! and White forces mate either by 2 ... Kxh6: 3 Qh4+ Kg7; 4 Qh7, or 2 ... Kg8: 3 Qxf8+ Rxf8; 4 Rxf8.

Wave money wand and Cup magic disappears

Magic. It is a quality as resistant to definition as it is unmistakable. It is also priceless. You can gather the fastest men on the planet and a hundred television cameras and call it The Showdown of the Century, but it won't have magic. Put the same men in the Olympic Games: magic.

This indefinable quality rivets the country's and the world's attention. Wimbledon has the worst tennis of any grand slam; it is the No 1 event in the world because it has magic.

The Januaries of our discontent are lighted by the sudden gathering of pace in domestic football: to the routine of league football come the FA Cup third and fourth rounds. The league is marriage: long, rewarding, important. The Cup is a love affair: impossible, crazy, magical.

The Magic of the Cup . . . as old a cliché as sport itself. I bet when they wrote of propelling the orb into the rigging past the hapless custodian, they still wrote of Cup magic.

But it is becoming harder to do so. Magic is being squeezed out of the Cup, bit by bit. Changes have been imposed, one by one, many defensible, but their cumulative effect has been to remove the heart and soul of the competition. It is a lesson for sporting administrators across the world, an awful warning. The FA Cup: an old lesson, but one that sport never learns, on the difference between the price of things and the value of things.

Increasingly, small clubs give up home advantage when drawn against big clubs. Bigger ground, more money, they say. Never mind tradition, the sloping pitch, the cramped ground, the wild, elusive prospect of upset. Talk instead of the "financial windfall". Win this one for me, lads, and I'll spend all the money on new players. Fact: there are only two clubs outside the top two divisions in the fourth round this weekend.

Cup games used all to kick off at three o'clock on a Saturday and the country would shake with two hours of concentrated Cup football. Now games straggle on. The fourth round this weekend brings two games on Sunday, and one more on Monday. It brings money into the game, it allows more people to see them on telly. But magic drips away.

SIMON BARNES

The semi-finals have become a weekend Wembley orgy rather than the two-hour high stakes poker game of a Saturday. I quite like this, actually, but in the context of all the other changes, it is destructive of magic.

Then there is the draw for the next round. It used to be done on the radio at Monday lunch-time with a weekend to relish the prospect. "Maybe we'll get United at home in the next round. We'll murder 'em." I have no idea when the draw is held now. That part of the ritual has been lost by tinkering with tradition.

Replays must now be held ten days after the first match. Momentum is lost, the plot dissipated. No continuity, no frenzied familiarity, no raising of the stakes with every individual duel on the pitch.

And then there is the sponsorship. Sound commercial sense. Is it? Will sponsors still queue up when magic is gone?

And then, penalties. This is betrayal. The penalty shoot-out has ruined football competitions across the world; the FA Cup did not need to capitulate. Oh, talk about modern football schedules, television programming, the needs of advertisers. Talk about whatever you like. It is not magic. It is not even football.

The tie that goes on and on: that was part of Cup tradition. The second replay has gone. There was a famous *Times* headline: Method and Madness Fail to Resolve a Protracted Dispute. They don't write 'em like that any more.

In the meantime, rugby union continues to hold the five nations' matches simultaneously, despite the pleas of television for a cash-maximising Saturday/Sunday format. Rugby's demented traditionalism is sane and long-sighted.

The five nations' has magic: you never know what will destroy this strange and fragile thing. You only know when it has gone. And much of it has gone from the FA Cup.

You can't blame marketing and television people for wanting the quick quid, that is the nature of things. But it is a little-known fact of modern life that it is not compulsory to yield to temptation. Quick quids can turn out to be expensive. The FA Cup is now scarcely distinguishable from the League Cup, otherwise known as the whatever-the-thing-is-called-this-year cup. No magic.

Priceless? Some people believe there is no such word, but every person with sporting blood in the veins knows this is a desperate, wrong-headed and destructive view. What a shame, then, that sporting people don't administer sport.

Another rent day dawns

Rent. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

When a sitcom series wins an award for the quality of its scripts, we are entitled to expect more of the same when it goes into a new run, as *Rent* does today. Episode one does not disappoint. Wisely I think, Lucy Flannery has not amended the formula that won her series a Writers Guild award for best radio comedy. Barbara Flynn and Patrick Barlow return to play the married couple and Toby Longworth and Vivienne Rochester are again their student lodgers. The jokes are not the sort that perch on top of the plot and kick their legs in the air; they rise organically out of the characters and out of the plot itself. Marx Brothers fans will enjoy today's bit of nonsense about a guinea pig.

The Lying Game. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

I would be playing the lying game myself if I told you that I was commending this programme on the strength of having heard it. A preview tape was not available. Leaving aside whether the agony aunt Irma Kurtz's two-part investigation is well done or not, I can at least tell you that what she will be exploring tonight and next week are attitudes to fibbing. Is lying ever justified? Even when the untruths are just little white lies? Kurtz has netted an impressive panel of experts on — not in — lying. They include the scientist whose research into deception in primates has led him to conclude that when apes lie, they do it knowingly.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat, and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier: including The Amazing Spiderman **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** *Bits from Last Week's Radio:* Greg Proops presents this week's review **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, with music and conversation from Manchester **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Martin Kelner **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2: with Scottish harpist Ingrid Henderson **8.00** World-Wide Concerts: Ismael Lo of Senegal **8.30** Barbershop Style (1/5) **9.00** Anita Bhalla's Across Two Cultures **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen and Jane Garvey, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at **10.35** Euronews; **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, with Sybil Ruscoe, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Test Match Special: Australia v England

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *Strong Poison* **7.30** World of Music **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Multitrack **8.30** Megamix **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Country Style **9.30** What's News? **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** The Life of Numbers **12.45** Sport **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Strong Poison* **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Quote, Unquote **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack: X-Press **12.00** News **12.15am** The Greenfield Collection **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor: John O'Conor) **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Gary King **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 *On Air:* Mozart (Serenade in D, Serenata Notturna); **7.18** *Purcell Portfolio:* Purcell (A selection of songs); **7.48** Bach (Partita No 1 in B flat, BWV 825); Amy Beach (Scottish Legend); Chausson (Chanson perpétuelle); Britten (Variations on a theme of Frank Bridge)
9.00 Composers of the Week: 20th-Century Scots: Thea Musgrave (Mary Queen of Scots, excerpts); William Sweeney (An Rathad Ur); Sally Beamish (Gala Water)
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Including Medtner (Dithyramb, Op 10 No 2: Hamish Milne, piano); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2: Dmitri Sitkovetsky; LSO under Colin Davis); Chopin (Bolero, Op 19: Lily Dymont, piano); Telemann (Suite in A minor); Soler (Concerto No 1 in C); Robert Simpson (Adagio, String Quartet No 5); Kabalevsky (Suite, The Comedians)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Verdi (Overture, La forza del destino); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian); Tchaikovsky (Capriccio Italien) (r)
1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, live from Studio 1. Ian Bostridge, tenor, Julius Drake, piano, play Schumann (Liederkreis, Op 24)
2.00 Schools: Together — An Assembly for Schools **2.20** Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Dig It **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Record Review, presented by Anthony Burton. *Building a Library:* George Pratt on Vivaldi (Gloria in D, RV589)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from St Paul's Cathedral, London. The director of music is John Scott
5.00 The Music Machine: In Madrid. Tommy Pearson investigates what makes Spanish music sound Spanish
5.15 In Tune, presented by Andrew Green
6.00 Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Melvyn Tan and Ronald Brautigam, fortepiano, play an all-Schubert programme. Presented by Richard Baker
7.00 The Tigers: BBC Singers and the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lionel Friend perform Prologue and Act 1 of Havergal Brian's opera about the comic escapades of a regiment of First World War conscripts; **7.55** Interval: Calum MacDonald talks about Havergal Brian and *The Tigers*; **8.05** Acts 2 and 3 (r)
10.00 Women Writers of the 17th Century: Quaker activist Margaret Fell
10.15 Hot Keys: Last in the series on James P. Johnson (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Michèle Roberts presents a first-night review of Katie Mitchell's revival of Strindberg's *Easter*
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Haffner Wind Ensemble with Angela Hewitt, piano, plays Russian wind music
1.00-2.10 Night School: Listen and Read **1.20** Verseplay **1.40** Infant History

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Tom Butler **8.40** Yesterday in *Parliament* **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and Pat Kane
10.00-10.30 News; The Lying Game (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Bunyan. Abridged by Peter Luke (13/25) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Looking for Trouble* (7/13)
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Pippa Greenwood, Anne Swithinbank and Nigel Colborn answer questions posed by members of the Whittlesford Gardening Club. With Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan
12.25pm Rent: See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News, Victoria Station: Fog Warnings. Fourth in a five-part series by Steve Chambers set in Victoria Station, Bridgford, 100 years ago to the day
2.45 Unbroken Voices: Children from Belfast, the Middle East and the former Yugoslavia talk about their longing for peace, and ask why people kill each other
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Quentin Cooper reviews Lindsay Kemp's version of *Cinderella*
4.45 Short Story: Seeing Double, by Daphne Glazer
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Charlie Lee-Potter **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin presents heat four of the music quiz from Newbiggin-by-the-Sea (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite
7.45 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Big Bang: Jez Nelson tries out a special computer
8.45 The Mystery of Becket's Bones: Ted Harrison joins Professor John Butler on an intriguing trail
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Quartered Safe Out Here. George MacDonald Fraser reads the eighth part of his recollections of the war in Burma
11.00 The Lion in the Sand: The cosy world of Britain's oil workers in Persia, Iraq and the Gulf came to an abrupt end in the 1950s (r)
11.30-12.00 Paris, London (FM only): Comedy with Simon Godley, Robert Harley and Carla Mendonca (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Disillusioned by a close-up view of a hero

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Now and again a programme comes along and gives you a real jolt. Not necessarily because it is good, but because it is simply not what you had been expecting. Last night's **Network First: The Man who Saved the Animals** (ITV) was such a programme.

You see, I had been expecting to like Richard Leakey, the Kenyan conservationist. Or, failing that, at least to admire him. After all, the African edition of *1066 and All That* definitely has Leakey down as a "good thing". He is kind to animals (particularly elephants), he has successfully followed in the family business of fossil hunting and he has shown tremendous bravery after losing both his lower legs in a plane crash. There he was, bravely scrambling over the African bush on his artificial pins, how could one fail to warm to him? And yet fail I did.

For a long time I blamed Sandy Gall's obsequious narration, which was right up there with Barry Norman meets Tom Cruise. Having written it as well, Gall must take full blame for lines such as: "For one particularly difficult task, Meave has tempted back into the field the world's most famous fossil hunter — her husband Richard", or "once again the Leakeys will be able to dazzle the world with a new chapter in the story of the ape who stood up and became human". It was as if the veteran war correspondent had got stuck in an hour-long "And finally . . ." — all objectivity had been suspended.

Or it had been until part three, when director Nick Gray finally made a start on redressing the imbalance. Until then, the lone dissenting voice had been that of the local government minister who baldly described Leakey as "a bully — he tends to trample on everyone else like a bull elephant". Cut immediately to Leakey's moving resignation speech: "I have given the best years of my life to public service, I recently gave my legs as well." It's difficult to counter lines like that.

So it was only belatedly — far too belatedly — that the programme got round to debating charges that Leakey was both arrogant and racist, and to questioning not just his political judgment, but even the value of his hitherto acclaimed conservation work with elephants. Support of a qualified kind came from his brother, Philip. "I don't think Richard is a racist. Arrogant, yes." Fraternal relations were clearly strained, despite the fact that Philip donated a life-saving kidney to his brother: "It was probably the last kidney he wanted in the world."

But perhaps the most damning comments came from David Western, Leakey's successor as director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service. "I have inherited chaos: Wildlife is destroying crops and killing people every single day of the week." We left Leakey surrounded by his beloved elephants, animals that his critics now say he did too good a job of protecting. "The more I see, the more persuaded I am that we cannot keep on treating elephants as beasts." I still didn't like him, but I was beginning to feel a little sorry for him.

By contrast, I am increasingly warming to **Kavanagh QC** (ITV), which signed off with its strongest episode to date, thanks to the absence of the already clichéd last minute twist and to a wonderful performance from Anastasia Hille as Annie Lewis, the tart with no heart.

Man-hater, Annie undoubtedly was — "He was a bastard, one more pig at the trough" — but man-killer? She said not and Kavanagh (John Thaw), who seems to have a touching faith in everything his clients tell him, believed her. True, there were one or two inconsistencies, such as how a woman who could run philosophical rings around her lawyers could ever have seen anything in her low-life former husband, Des. But then, as she told Kavanagh: "I've always been a lousy judge of character."

With a second series under discussion, Kavanagh's complex family life has also been developed well, particularly the relationship with his teenage children Kate and Matt, nicely played by Daisy Bates and Tom Brodie.

Kavanagh's colleagues have been served a great deal less well by the scriptwriters. Jeremy Aldermarten (Nicholas Jones) has swung from awfulness to amiability with disturbing unpredictability, while as Julia Piper, Anna Chancellor has been given little more to do than bring the occasional lecherous glint to the eye of some passing male. If a new series is commissioned, both deserve better.

Similar sentiments must cross the minds of Peter Davison and Nicola Pagett, as they valiantly wade their way through the mire of **Ain't Misbehavin'** (BBC 1). Of the two, Pagett gets marginally the better draw as Sonia Drysdale, a forceful woman determined to hold on to her home and, if necessary, her philandering husband. By contrast, Davison's Clive Quigley is so wet you could windsurf on him.

With few — all right, no — laughs left in the basic plot (their respective partners are having an affair), writer Roy Clarke is following the now familiar descent into sexual innuendo. What is interesting/worrying is just how far you have to/are allowed to descend these days. Last night's episode, for instance, featured the second joke about oral sex in a BBC sitcom in two days. The first — "splinter in your tongue, Victor?" — came in the post-watershed, and sadly post-humorous, *One Foot in the Grave*. Last night's went out at 8.30pm. Now that ain't quite behavin', Mr Clarke.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (27038)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18194800)

9.05 Kilroy. Topical debate (s) (8532496)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1410816) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (85782090)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7963564) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (3989729) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78344293)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (55516)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91091922) **1.50 Timekeepers** with Bill Dod (s) (91002038)

Outlaws Ben Murphy and Pete Duel (2.15pm)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. Lighthearted western adventures starring Pete Duel and Ben Murphy (r) (5111699)

3.05 NEW **Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave**. How the microwave can be used to produce three-course dinners in a matter of minutes (8780496)

3.20 NEW **Brilliant Gardens** with Rula Lenska (5279380)

3.30 Lifeline. Tom Conti appeals on behalf of Motivation (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5221380)

3.45 Sick as a Parrot (s) (5226835) **4.00 Jackanory**. The first part of *Chocolate-Covered Ants* (r) (s) (6147293) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (4197835) **4.35 The Really Wild Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4207922)

5.00 Newsround (9137816) **5.10 Elidor** (Ceefax) (s) (1182800)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (379274)

6.00 Six O'Clock News *(Ceefax) and weather (941)*

6.30 Regional News Magazines (293)

7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel with a potted biography of another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (7090)

7.30 On the Up. Comedy series starring Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire (r). (Ceefax) (s) (477) **Wales**: Winter in Wales

8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull with more examples of human endeavour. (Ceefax) (s) (602632)

8.45 Points of View. (Ceefax) (479729)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional new and weather (5477)

9.30 **The Private Life of Plants: Flowering**. (Ceefax) (s) (893564)

10.20 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam, with Alan Hanson, presents *highlights from one of tonight's top games* in the FA Carling Premiership. These include Crystal Palace v Manchester United and Aston Villa v Spurs (s) (5138212)

11.40 FILM: Patton — Lust for Glory (1970). The conclusion of the highly acclaimed story of General George S. Patton. Starring George C. Scott who won an Oscar for his portrayal of the renegade general. Sicily must be liberated, but Patton's treatment of one of his soldiers leads to the eventual loss of his command. Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner. (Ceefax) (358106)

1.10 Weather (8906171)

BBC2

7.00am The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (s) (4449019) **7.05 The Family Ness** (r) (4431090) **7.10 Prince Valiant** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8798545) **7.35 Incredible Games** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1928545)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (8826019)

8.15 The Record (Ceefax) (7278309)

8.35 Consuming Passions. *Lemon chicken* (r) (7259361) **8.40 The Time of Your Life**. Canadian series on people who do not see age as a barrier in the pursuit of adventure (4980125)

9.00 Daytime on Two. *Educational programmes. Plus, for children,* **10.00-10.25** Playdays (4514039) **1.45** You and Me (97800106) **2.00** The Greedysaurus Gang (61205212) **2.05** Spider (61204583)

2.10 *Songs of Praise* *from Lancaster Priory (r). (Ceefax)* (s) (8539125) **2.45 Myths and Legends**. Garry Rice continues his exploration of England's ghost stories (s) (7933598)

3.00 News *(Ceefax) and weather followed by* **Westminster with Nick Ross** (7809011) **3.50 News** *(Ceefax) and weather (5056813)*

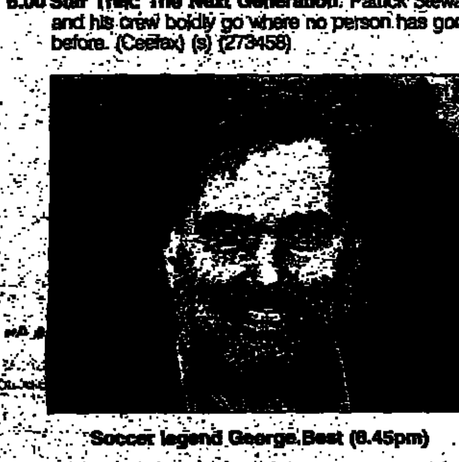
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (106)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (390)

5.00 Play It Again. Paul Jones introduces another collection of musical acts (s) (5496)

5.30 All in the Mind. Lateral-thinking quiz (s) (670)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Patrick Stewart and his crew boldly go where no person has gone before. (Ceefax) (s) (273458)



Soccer legend George Best (6.45pm)

6.45 Natural Born Footballers. George Best talks about the game that made him a national hero. (Ceefax) (s) (892941)

7.00 ***The World at War: Genocide*** (Ceefax) (6699)

8.00 Rhodes around Britain *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (4380)*

8.30 University Challenge. Keble College, Oxford, v Edinburgh University. *(Ceefax) (s) (4877)*

9.00 FILM: Blind Hate (1990) starring Corbin Bernsen and Jenny Lewis. Based on the true story of Ku Klux Klan opponent Morris Dees and his determination to *halt the Klan's plans to bring down the government.* Directed by John Korty. (Ceefax) (4748)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (448458)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (317274)

11.55 Weather (773106)

12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour**. Trevor Phillips reviews the day in Parliament (5852510). Ends at **12.55am**

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (40667862)

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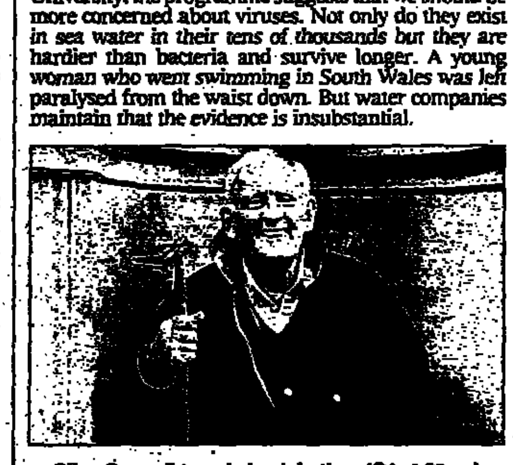
CHOICE

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The current affairs show offers a new and more scary angle on an old topic, the pollution of British beaches. Everybody knows about the health risk posed by untreated sewage being pumped straight in the sea. The Government has put the problem down to bacteria. Taking its cue from a 14-month study headed by Dr Stephen Myint, a virologist from Leicester University, the programme suggests that we should be more concerned about viruses. Not only do they exist *in sea water in their tens of thousands but they are* hardier than bacteria and survive longer. A young woman who went swimming in South Wales was left paralysed from the waist down. But water companies maintain that the evidence is insubstantial.



Clive Gunnell travels back in time (C4, 4.00pm)

Journeyman
Channel 4, 4.00pm

The amiable Clive Gunnell slips on his anorak and continues his tour of the more agreeable parts of southern England. The charm of the series is that it escapes the troubles and frustrations of the day-to-day *world. Marlborough may be choked with traffic but* Gunnell is not bothered. He sensibly visits the town on *foot. His other ploy is to escape the present by going* back into the past. A chat with a man who paints inn signs turns into a history lesson as we learn the origins of such curious combinations as the lamb and the flag. There is more time-travelling in Savernake Forest where Gunnell finds himself among 250-year-old trees and just happens to come across a Victorian mail coach pulled by four white horses.

The Private Life of Plants
BBC1, 9.30pm

With his usual sense of the theatrical, and demonstrating that there is more than one actor in the family, Sir David Attenborough opens his latest botany lesson by walking through a field and sneezing uncontrollably. The great naturalist is also a great hay fever sufferer which has nothing to do with the programme except that it introduces the subject of pollen and reproduction. The photography is as *astonishing as the budget must be generous. Hardly* have we stopped admiring grasses in Nepal, than it is off to Australia and South Africa, Borneo, New Zealand and Madagascar. Much of the film turns out to be about sex. Mercilessly exposed by the camera, the life of plants is private no longer.

The World At War
BBC2, 7.00pm

Part 20 of the masterly history of the Second World War is called, *simply, Genocide,* and tells the story of the Nazi death camps. With television, not least BBC2, busy marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camps, a film made more than 20 years ago has lost none of its relevance. On the contrary, it more than holds its own with anything that has been shown in the past few weeks. Peter Batty, who wrote and directed the film, uses the standard documentary formula of interviews and archive film but the orthodoxy of the format in no way diminishes the impact of the content. Many of the images are harrowing but they are a *permanent reminder of one of the worst instances of* 20th-century barbarism.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3166699)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game (4645274) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1164318)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (9920380)

10.35 This Morning *(32868293)* ***12.20pm London Today*** (Teletext) and weather (7969748)

12.30 News *(Teletext) and weather (7328106)*

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7336125) **1.25 *Home and Away*** *(Teletext) (34791090)*

1.55 Capital Woman (s) (64041354) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (17730564)

2.50 Blue Heelers (6751125) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (5280496) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5289767)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (5232496) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (7856895) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (4321835) **4.15 Reboot** (s) (4181274) **4.40 The Tomorrow People** (Teletext) (3418767)

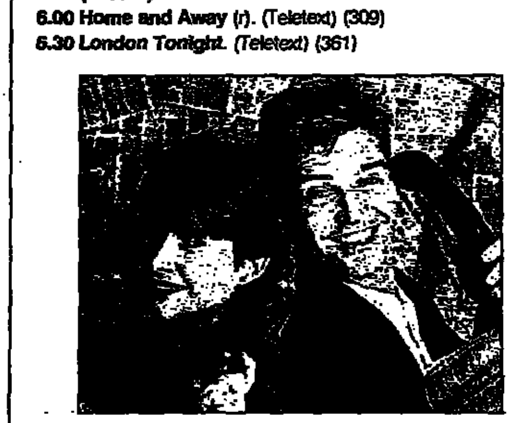
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (6524962). Followed by **The Missing File**

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (636106)

5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (540816)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (309)

6.30 London Tonight. *(Teletext) (361)*



Forbes and Schofield pick a number (7.00pm)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes, with guests Jimmy *Cricket, Umbilical Brothers and Zoots and Spangles* (s) (9458)

7.30 Coronation Street. *(Teletext) (545)*

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The guests include Olivia Newton John, Elle MacPherson, Craig Ferguson and Let Loose (s) (9545)

9.00 Taggart: Prayer for the Dead. The final episode of the murder mystery. With Mark McManus making *his last appearance in the title role. (Teletext)* (s) (9309)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (20941)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (103903)

10.40 FILM: Big Trouble in Little China (1986) starring Kurt Russell and Kim Cattrall. Action adventure about an American truck driver who runs smack into the most powerful sorcerer in San Francisco's Chinatown. Directed by John Carpenter (48575293)

12.40am Alien Nation. George and Sikes investigate the death of a prostitute (s) (2030317)

1.35 Hollywood Report with Richard Jobson and Karen Krizanovich (s) (9007268)

2.05 The Beat (s) (5405030)

3.00 The Album Show. Music from the world's top artists and their best-selling albums (s) (6447607)

4.05 Donahue discusses the first sex study in America since the Kinsey Report which answers such question as "Does one's formal education affect one's sex life?" (4369978)

4.55 The Time . . . The Place with John Stapleton (r) (s) (2077862)

5.30 ITN Morning News (94626). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life. An animated series exploring the human body (8872748)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (96019)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (82690)

9.30 Schools: *Living and Growing* (8708361) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8721212) **10.02** Stage Two Science (5955496) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (5934903) **10.40** Living with Technology (7303748) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase II (2066816) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (7381545) **11.15** The Music Show (9670944) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (9685854) **11.45** First Edition (9680309)

12.00 House To House (27854)

12.30 Sesame Street with guest Jodie Foster (70187)

1.30 Take Five with *The Mr Men, Further Tales of the Riverbank, Joggy Bear* and *Ivor the Engine* (r) (42651)

2.00 Speaking From America. The technology required *when making transatlantic telephone calls in the late* 1930s (41203729)

2.10 FILM: Winnie (1988) *starring Meredith Baxter* Birney and David Morse. A made-for-television, real-life drama about a woman who, *having spent three* decades in an Iowa mental institution, now wants to live in the real world. Directed by John Korty. (Teletext) (389534)

4.00 ***Journeyman***. *(Teletext) (s)* (274)

4.30 Countdown. *(Teletext) (s) (458)*

5.00 Ricki Lake. A discussion on whether plumpness is a put-off to the opposite sex. *(Teletext) (s)* (6843903)

5.50 Terrytoons (563767)

6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (68699)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (480106)

7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (448564)

Sandra Maitland and Anna Friel (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. Mandy (Sandra Maitland) and Beth (Anna Friel) are concerned that their secret is about to be discovered. (Teletext) (s) (6748)

8.30 Travelog. Reports from the Lebanon and Northern Ireland. (Teletext) (s) (8583)

9.00 **Dispatches**. (Teletext) (537800)

9.45 Snapshots: Malcolm Bradbury*. The writer and academic traces his family's ancestry in* Macclesfield, Cheshire (r). (Teletext) (915212)

10.00 FILM: Blood Oath (1990) starring Bryan Brown. A *fact-based drama about an Australian lawyer trying* to bring to justice the Japanese officers responsible for the deaths of 300 Australian troops in Indonesia in 1945. Directed by Stephen Wallace. (Teletext) (53044212)

12.05am Moviewatch (r) (s) (1479688)

12.35 LA Law. Courtroom *drama series (s)* (7454607)

1.30 The Jazz Apple (r) (s) (6550161)

2.35 *FILM: Gabriel Over the White House* *(1933, b/w)* starring Walter Huston and Franchot Tone. Political *fantasy about an amoral president who becomes a* crusader for justice and truth after a near-death experience. Directed by Gregory La Cava (1072404). Ends at **4.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1164318) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (7969748) 1.55 A Country Practice (91096477) 2.20 Gardening Time (17722545) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (6751125) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (5289767) *5.10-5.40 Shortland Street* (6524962) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (521632) 10.30 nglia News (103903) 10.40 Shadow Of A ubt (40038749) 12.30am The Album w (25268) 1.30 Hollywood Report 2) 2.00 America's Top Ten (1525268) Donahue (9706133) 3.20 The Little Show (9694510) 4.15 The Time... the 86959) 4.45 On the Live Side 2) *5.00-5.30 The Munsters Today*

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on except: 1.55 Good Health! 4) 2.25 Simply Delicious) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines 5.10 A Country Practice 5.40-6.00 HTV News: Weather 6.30-7.00 HTV News (361) 10.30 Headlines and Weather (103903) West Match (107564) 11.40- ilm: Rebel Rousers (421941)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Only Yesterday *(64041354) 6.30-7.00 Wales* Tonight (361) 10.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (103903) 10.40 Top Sport (107564) 11.40-12.40am The Equalizer

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91096477) 2.20 Getaways (17722545) *2.50-3.20 Shortland Street* (6751125) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (5289767) 5.10 Home and Away (6524962) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Freescreen (553380) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (309) 6.30-7.00 The Country Set (361) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (103903) 10.40 Film: Shadow of Doubt (1941922) 12.30 The Album Show (25269) 1.30 Hollywood Report (91152) 2.00 America's Top Ten (1525268) 2.25 Donahue (9706133) 3.20 The Little Picture Show (9694510) 4.15 The Time... the Place (86959) 4.45 On the Live Side (89122602) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (19572)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 High Road (64041354) 2.25-2.55 The West at Work (17721816) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6524962) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (37729) 10.40-12.40pm Tough Enough (48575293)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91096477) 2.20 Look and Cook (17722545) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6751125) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6524962) 5.55 Calendar (925835) 6.30-7.00 Runway (361) 10.40 Magnum (117841) 11.35 Adolf Hitler - My Part in His Downfall (883903) 1.30am Hollywood Report (91152) 2.00 Videofashion (54268) 2.30 The Album Show (42220) 3.30 Noisy Mothers (2307248) 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder (1241274)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (39545) 8.00 *Power Rangers* (60583) 8.30 The DJ Kat Show (4694361) 8.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show (2784906) 9.30 Card Sharks (92670) *10.00 Concentration* (23699) *10.30 Candid Camera* (49090) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (31106) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (83670) 12.30pm E Street (70458) 1.00 St Elsewhere (91941) 2.00 Shaka Zulu (11800) 3.00 The *Oprah Winfrey Show* (9737816) 3.50 The DJ Kat Show (5299922) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (7019) 6.00 Gamesworld (5903) 6.30 Blockbusters (9583) 7.00 E Street (8748) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5767) 8.00 Guns of Honour: *Final part of the drama about the* American Civil War (32212) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (26019) 11.00 Late Show (880632) 11.45 Littlejohn (390632) 12.30am Chances (50978) 1.30 Night Court (28423) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix Long Play (4137930)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. 6.00am Sunrise (9316309) 9.30 Entertainment This Week (52800) 10.30 ABC *Nightline* (47632) 1.30pm CBS News This Morning (70859) 2.30 Parliament Live (64583) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (497729) 9.30 News Extra (81584) 11.30 CBS Evening News (10125) 12.30am ABC News (41220) 1.30 *Fashion TV* (80890) 2.30 Parliament Replay (89201) 4.30 CBS News (17572) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (27979)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2276458) 10.00 Are You Being Served? (1977) (27855075) 11.55 Hello, Dolly! (1969) (17877019) 2.20pm Mr Nanny (1993) (930293) 4.00 American Flyers (1985) (5651) 6.00 Archer (1985) (22835) 8.00 Mr Nanny (1993): As 2.20pm (50380) 9.30 Pet Sematary Two (1992) (955293) 11.15 Midnight Confessions (1993) (394748) 12.40am The Temp (1993) (840249) 2.15 Twice-Told Tales (1963) (55815591) 4.20-6.00 Archer (1985): As 6pm (522336)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Kingdom of the Spiders (1977) (11767) 8.00 Touch of Evil (1958) (16212) 10.00-12.00 Vanishing Point (1971) (83496)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am My Man Godfrey (1936) (55583) 8.00 The Elm-Chanted Forest (1991) (41616) 9.30 The Emperor's New Clothes (8617816) 10.25 Young Mr Lincoln (1939) (32787080) 12.05pm The Trouble with Angels (1966) (50807941) 2.15 Carmen Jones (1954) (957212) 4.00 The Elm-Chanted Forest (1991): As 8am (68779670) 5.55 Gunsmoke V: One Man's Justice (1993) (16948835) 7.35 Special Feature (8477) 8.00 Stalking Back (1993) (25922) *10.00 Unlawful Entry (1992)* (135583) 11.55 Stephen King's Sometimes They Come Back (1991) (778632) 1.40am Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story (1992) (532862) 3.30-5.05 Fourth Story (1991) (491171)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (1910854) 7.15 WWF Superstars (516767) 8.15 Soccer News (2089458) 8.30 ABC Ten Pin Bowling (30361) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (10651) 10.00 Footballer's Football Show (80496) 11.00 Boots 'n' All (60632) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (98941) 12.30pm Ringside Boxing (14583) 2.30 *Grass Roots Rugby* (8632) 3.00 Footballer's Football Show (46941) 4.00 National Trials (2212) 4.30 Freestyle Skiing (8496) 5.00 WWF Challenge (4941) 6.00 Soccer News (348545) 6.15 International Cricket Preview (339748) 7.00 The Rugby Club (58274) 8.00 NBA Basketball (78038) 10.00 Soccer News (794941) 10.15 International Cricket Preview (912458) 11.00 The Rugby Club (81125) 12.00-8.00am International Cricket. *Live: Australia v England in the* fourth Test (4820046)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Olympic Magazine (48038) 8.30 Euroski (92729) 9.30 Eurofun (12019) 10.00 Live Tennis (7387552) 6.30pm News (5309) 7.00 Prime Time Boxing Special (67308) 9.00 Tennis (72854) 10.00 Motors Magazine (75941) 11.00 Equestrianism (76293) 12.00-12.30am News (68249)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2779729) 8.30 Peyton Place (2698800) 9.00 As the World Turns (9510125) 10.00 Guiding Light (4002816) *11.00-12.00 Another World* (4015380)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Getaway — Australia (2772816) 12.30pm Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (9009651) 1.00 Roads to Freedom (4026496) 1.30 Pierre Franey's Cooking on America (9907922) 2.00 California Gold (5322403) 2.30 Ticket to Paradise (8111212) 3.00 Norfolk (5126800) 3.30 Caribbean Vacation (8190729) 4.00 Travel Guide — Iceland Week Special (8102564) 4.30 Zoo Life (8109748) 5.00 Cruising the Globe (1627895) 5.30 Cooking in America (8019800) *6.00 Getaway* (8112941) 6.30 Crete and Greek Isles (8103293) 7.00 America's Great Outdoors (4341583) 8.00 Around the World (5227859) 8.30 Travel Guide (8772944) 9.00 Australia (7224699) *9.30 Crete and Greek Isles* (8995187) *10.00* Cruising the Globe (2773545) 10.30 America's Great Outdoors (7962816) 11.30-12.00 California Gold (8258212)

Henry Fonda, Young Mr Lincoln
(The Movie Channel, 10.25am)

TLC

9.00am Blitz on Cartooning (7144361) 9.30 Madeleine Cooks (2516187) *10.00* Somebody's Children (4241564) 10.30 Only Human (2834818) 11.30 Class by Class (2076477) 12.00 Hot-House People (2539038) 1.00pm Madeleine Cooks (7210125) 1.30 Blitz on Cartooning (2519274) 2.00 Frontiers (8785877) 2.30 Northern Eye (7347187) 3.00 England's Last Wilderness (9230962) 3.30-4.00 It's a Vet's Life (7342832)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (7213212) 7.30 Neighbours (7209019) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7163496) *8.30 EastEnders* (7162767) 9.00 The Bill (7153019) 9.30 Buccaneer (2168941) 10.30 When the Boat Comes In (2836274) 11.30 No Place Like Home (2078835) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7166583) 12.30pm Neighbours (2512361) 1.00 EastEnders (7212583) 1.30 The Bill (2511632) 2.00 Bless This House (6985885) *2.30 Citizen Smith* (7349545) 3.00 Knots Landing (2072651) 4.00 Dallas (2068458) 5.00 Every Second Counts (8878477) 5.40 Captain Pugwash (2954125) 5.55 Porridge (7328361) 6.30 EastEnders (7364854) 7.00 Citizen Smith (2385831) 7.30 Bless This House (7360038) 8.00 Going Straight (2585039) 8.30 Carry On TV Specials (7335335) 9.00 Fox (9322632) 10.00 The Bill (7167212) 10.30 Top of the Pops (6743309) *11.15 The Kit Curran Radio Show* (8748816) 11.45 Dr Who (9747187) 12.15am FILM: Mad Love (1935) With Peter Lorre (4487572) 2.00 Shopping at Night (4120930)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (9373090) 6.55 Garfield (3519293) 7.25 Eek the Cat (8722380) 7.55 Pugwall's Summer (5184361) 8.25 Super Mario Brothers (6340748) 8.45 Casper (3551903) 9.00 Sesame Street (57729) 10.00 It's Droibee Time (13309) 11.00 Christopher Crocodile (93545) 12.00 Garfield (49699) 12.30pm Eek the Cat (65125) 1.00 Beverly Hills Teens (97361) 1.30 Super Mario Brothers (14733895) 1.45 Baby Follies (68232800) 2.00 Barney (3854) 2.30 Babar (9516) 3.00 Casper (6254309) 3.15 Where's Wally (445670) 3.45 Sonic (444941) 4.15 Head to Head (4640800) 4.30-5.00 California Dreams (9372)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive (1918496) 7.15 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (647477) 7.45 Rugrats (546748) 8.15 Doug (648670) 8.45 Nickalive! (9244729) 9.00 Nick Jr (334038) 12.00 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (96583) 12.30pm Muppet Show (29309) 1.00 Galaxy High School (62090) 1.30 Banana Sandwich (11380) 2.00 Denver (3456) 2.30 Smoggies (6274) 3.00 Nick Faves (8903) 3.30 Teenage Hero Mutant Turtles (8019) 4.00 Doug (7534) 4.30 Rugrats (6038) *5.00 Clarissa Explains It All* (3908) 5.30 The Secret World of Alex Mack (7390) 6.00 Grimmy (7903) 6.30-7.00 Dracula (1693)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Tidal Wetlands (7361767) 4.30 Wild South (7350651) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (8883847) 5.30 Terra X (7347496) 6.05 Beyond 2000 (9190477) 7.00 Predators (9324090) 8.00 Invention (8880421) 8.30 Nature Watch (9135316) 9.00 Nova (9330274) 10.00 Resistance to Hitler (7165854) 10.30 Spies (7141274) 11.00-12.00 Space Age (7297274)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Dark Eyes of London (1939) (6018465) 1.30pm The Donny and Marie Show (2433800) 2.00 The Avengers (4246019) 3.00 My Three Sons (5630908) *3.30 The Beverly Hillbillies* (7346458) 4.00 FILM: The Beastmaster (1982) (1030944) 6.00 The Protectors (7368670) 6.30 Cannon (2423458) 7.30 Scotland Yard (7355106) 8.00 The Avengers (9337564) 9.00 The *Twilight Zone* (2082038) *9.30 FILM: Ziggy* Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (1973) (5191380) 11.30-12.00 It's Garry Shandling's Show (4234274)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2122800) 7.00 Living Magazine (2205038) *8.00 Beautywise* (7410274) 8.30 The Truth About Women (7419545) 9.00 A Taste of Japan (4634545) 9.35 Now You See It (7928125) 10.00 Trivia Trap (4471274) 10.30 Susan Powter (7439309) *11.00 The Young and the* Restless (3342767) 12.00 Rendezvous (5744421) 12.35pm Kilroy (2080380) 1.30 Bazaar (4163816) 2.00 Agony Hour (4472903) 3.00 Living Magazine (4423477) *3.45 Gladrags and Glamour* (8781009) 4.00 Infatuation (5439293) 4.30 Trivia Trap (10653835) 4.55 Marco (2319274) 5.30 Kate and Allie (5426729) 6.00 Susan Powter (5449670) 6.30 The New Mr and Mrs Show (5430822) 7.00 Living Magazine (6763076) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (4763895) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (8443869) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (7113516) 11.00 The New Mr and Mrs Show (7343038) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (4477458)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (4106) 5.30 Cliff Hanger (4212) 6.00 The Big Dish (651496) 6.25 All Clued Up (241019) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (7670) 7.30 My Two Dads (1361) *8.00 Road to Avonlea (18670) 9.00 The Ruth* Rendell Mystery Movie — The Mouse in the Corner: A popular farmer is beaten to death in his own kitchen (95729) 11.00 Lou Grant (14038) 12.00 Rhoda (84201) 12.30am Big Brother Jake (56930) 1.00 Danger Mouse (87084) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (97959) 2.00 Bordertown (38369) 2.30 African Skies (82046) 3.00 Lou Grant (62713) 4.00 Rhoda (87591) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (75249)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (24959) 6.30 The Grind (70106) 7.00 Awake on the Wildside (75372) *8.00 VJ Ingo (240125)* 11.00 Soul (95903) 12.00 Greatest Hits (46090) 1.00pm Afternoon Mix (920564) 3.30 Report (8079835) 3.45 CineMatic (8067090) 4.00 News (4732835) 4.15 3 from 1 (4722458) 4.30 Dial MTV (2090) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (22922) 7.00 Greatest Hits (86980) 8.00 Most Wanted (47854) 9.30 *Beavis and Butt-Head (54019) 10.00 Report* (221670) 10.15 CineMatic (226125) 10.30 News at Night (949767) 10.45 3 from 1 (937922) 11.00 The End? (80477) 1.00am Soul (76997) 2.00 The Grind (38387) 2.30-*5.00 Night Videos* (553510)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4025767) 9.00 Café (9446729) 12.00 The *Bridge* (2930583) 1.30pm *Ten of the Best* (4057019) 2.30 Heart and Soul (7960816) 3.30 Into the Music (4543903) 6.00 Prime Cuts (6812800) 7.00 VH-1 for You (4349941) 8.00 Soul (4329361) 9.00 Ten of the Best (4349125) *10.00 The Bridge (9523699)* 11.30 Today's Top Five (8250670) 12.00 The Nightly (2297046) 2.00am Ten of the Best (5449201) 3.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol (7328607)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including at 4.00 CMT Delivery Room 5.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (23274) 7.00 Asian Morning (29903) *8.30 Buniyaad* (32309) 9.00 Punjabi FILM: Lakhan Sheran De (974670) 12.00 Ghar (49458) 1.00pm Hindi FILM: Saahebzaade (871019) 4.00 New Serial (8274) 4.30 Kab Tak Pukaroon (4458) 5.00 Balachandann Chinnathi Rai (1632) 5.30 Tamil Cinema Quiz (3038) 6.00 TVA and You (7903) 6.30 Buniyaad (1583) 7.00 BBCD (3212) 7.30 Zameen Aasman (7767) 8.00 News (9632) 8.30 Hindi FILM: Sanam Tere Hain Hum (986800) 11.30 Zindagi (49651) 12.00 Asian Morning (21997) 1.30am Sights and Sound (9829572)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm The Big House (1931) (27931090) 8.40 Battleground (1949) (54209854) 11.00 Cimarron (1931) (31172495) 1.25am Watch on the Rhine (1943) (98656572) 3.35-5.00 Academy Award-Winning Short Features (65049882)

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Britain bank on Lloyds to arrest decline

By Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

IN AN audacious attempt to arrest Great Britain's prolonged decline in the Davis Cup, an improbable union has been forged. David and John Lloyd, withering critics of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) in the past, are to be appointed as the team's captain and coach respectively.

The position may have worsened by the time the brothers take up their posts at the end of April. Bill Knight, the captain at present, is to retire after the next tie, against Slovakia in Bratislava. There, on clay, defeat is more of a probability than a possibility.

Britain, already at a nadir, would then be involved in a play-off to avoid being relegated from group two of the Euro-African zone, effectively the third division of the Davis Cup.

The opponents would be either Egypt or, more likely, Monaco, in June, and the tie, crucially, would be at home. The prospects are a world away from David Lloyd's own experiences. In 1978 he partnered Mark Cox, albeit in a losing cause, against Bob Lutz and Stan Smith, of the United States, in the Davis Cup final. He last represented Great Britain 15 years ago, with John in the doubles against Romania.

He has since consistently ridiculed the LTA but, though surprised to be approached, accepted the invitation. "My job is to do the best I can with the players picked for specific matches," he said yesterday. "I have no control over the players coming through."

Throughout his three-year contract, in other words, he will not be wholly responsible for the material he is given. Part of the praise or the blame, as the case may be, will presumably lie with the main target of his public disapproval, Richard Lewis, the director of national training and coaching.

"I have criticised the LTA", David Lloyd admitted, "but I feel that the new structure is very good. I hope I can get 20 per cent more than the players have probably got, or shown, before, and give them the motivation, the training and the belief which perhaps they don't have."

The LTA was initially concerned that his business interests might conflict with the new role. The chairman of a public company which runs tennis centres principally around London, but which is soon to expand to other areas of the country, the 47-year-old is reported to be worth at least £15 million.

John Lloyd, the younger by seven years, confirmed that he and his brother were in turn worried about "whom we would have to report to". Assured they would be given largely a free rein, they were also encouraged that "there is obviously a movement within the LTA to change, to do something different".

Speaking from his home in California, he expressed optimism about the contribution that is to be made by his brother. "I've always thought that not to have him involved nationally is a terrible waste. If anyone can motivate, then he can. It is a bold move but it shows there is a real keenness to achieve things."

David Lloyd will start with a convenient advantage. He has developed some of the youngsters, such as Tim Henman and Jamie Delgado, who will soon be in contention for a place in a team which has lost its long-time leader. Jeremy Bates, the Great Britain No 1, decided three weeks ago that, at the age of 32, he should retire from Davis Cup competition.

The Germany Davis Cup team received encouraging news yesterday when Boris Becker confirmed that he would be available for the match against Croatia on February 3 after an absence of almost 2½ years. Becker led Germany to the first of their three Davis Cup triumphs in 1988 and helped them defend the title the following year.

But his decision to pull out of the event to concentrate on his world ranking in 1993 was criticised by his fellow Wimbledon champion, Michael Stich, who led the team to its third victory that year. Now the pair will form a formidable partnership.

John and David Lloyd, once stalwarts of the Great Britain team, are to return as coach and captain

Vulnerable champion feels the pressure

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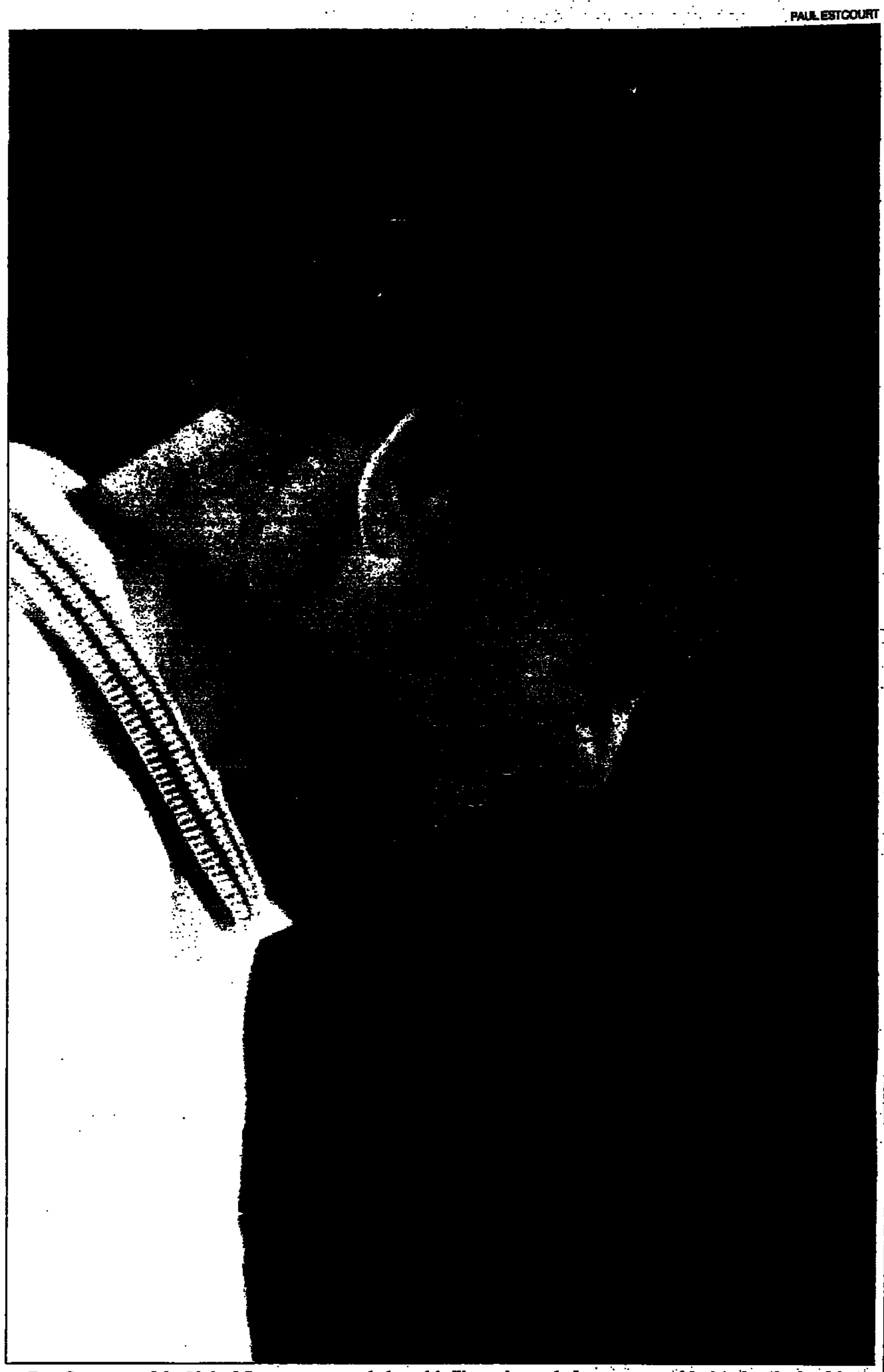

Pete Sampras, of the United States, concerned about his ill tennis coach, is overcome with emotion during his dramatic five-set victory over Jim Courier in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open. Report, page 46

German player banned for use of drugs

By Our Sports Staff

THE former Germany international forward, Roland Wohlfarth, has been banned from football with immediate effect for taking drugs.

A spokesman for the the German Football Federation (DFB) said yesterday that the the former Bayern Munich player, who now plays for the first division side, Bochum, tested positive for a stimulant at an indoor tournament in Leipzig on January 5.

Wohlfarth, a former leading goalscorer in the Bundesliga, is the first player to face proceedings in Germany for drug abuse although other former professionals have admitted to doping in the past.

Wohlfarth, 31, who recently returned to play in Germany after a spell with the French side, St Etienne, has admitted taking the appetite suppressant, Recatol, which contained the banned stimulant, norephedrine. "We were informed last Friday," Klaus Toppmoeller the Bochum trainer, said. "The news has hit us like a bomb."

Debt-ridden Marseilles, the 1993 European champions, are almost certain to go into receivership soon, the president of the city's commercial courts said yesterday.

Fernand Arnaud said Marseilles, relegated to the second division last year for an attempt at match-fixing in 1993, had debts of between £25.5 million and £32 million and added that further claims against the club of up to £6.4 million were likely.

Arnaud said that Marseilles, whose former president, Bernard Tapie, recently handed over the reins of power, were already under judicial order to repay £8.5 million, which would put the club's finances into an impossible position.

A meeting between French League officials, municipal authorities and financial inspectors would be held in Paris early next month.

Going into receivership would cost Marseilles their first division place, should they achieve promotion, and could put them into the national league — the equivalent of the third division.

Arnaud said he did not believe private enterprises would be prepared to take over a club with such massive debts.

Fallen Lions of Cameroon forage for existence

By Our Sports Staff

CAMEROON's beleaguered national football team are stranded without food and accommodation in Zimbabwe after their defeat in the African Nations' Cup qualifying match on Sunday, the Zimbabwe football federation [Zifa] said yesterday.

The Zifa secretary general, Phil Hwata, said Cameroon, who were beaten 4-1 on Sunday, were not due to leave for home until Friday, but had no money for their stay during the next three days. "They have no money ... and we also have no money to pay for the extra days," Hwata said.

Zifa has been putting up the team, which blazed the trail for African teams in the World Cup and became known as the Indomitable Lions, for the past five days, the maximum period it is obliged to pay bills for visiting teams in the qualifying stages of the cup.

"We have advised the Confederation of African Football [CAF] of the plight of the Cameroonians but the continental body has not been helpful," Hwata explained. "We have been advised that the visitors should fend for themselves for the extra days they are staying in Zimbabwe and we do not know what to do with them."

In 1990, Cameroon became the first African team to reach the quarter-finals of the World Cup, but they have been weakened in recent years by administrative and financial problems. Cameroon officials declined to comment on the situation.

Roger Milla, the best-known Cameroon player, may become the subject of a lawsuit by national sports officials, who allege the forward deceived them about his plans to retire from the game, depriving his former club, Tonnerre Kalara Club de Yaounde, of a transfer fee.

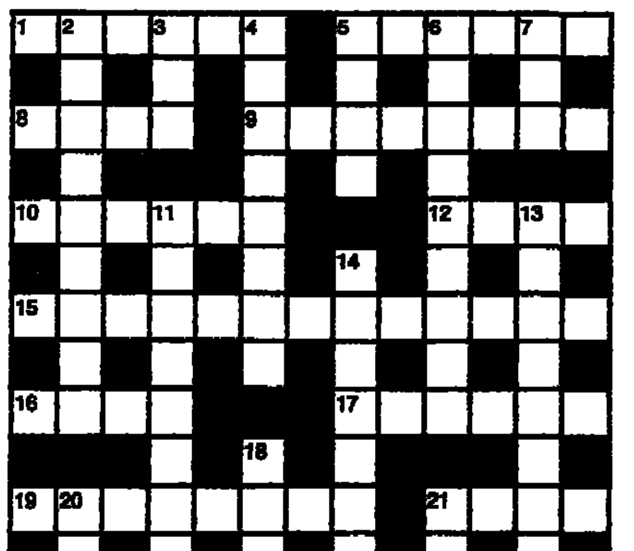
They claim Milla planned to join an Indonesian team as a player but kept this secret to avoid contractual problems with Cameroon. Milla, 43, played for Cameroon in the 1990 and 1994 World Cups. He scored four goals in 1990, and came out of retirement to play in 1994, asking for and receiving a two-year contract.

After the competition, he announced his retirement and said he would be joining the Indonesian team, Pelita Jaya, as a trainer. But after the move in December, Cameroon officials learnt that Milla's new contract allowed him to play for Indonesia, and Cameroon is demanding an unspecified amount in compensation for the loss of his presence on the field.

Milla's former team president, Pierre Semengue, said the player had misled them about going to Indonesia as a trainer rather than a player and added that he wanted to start negotiations with Milla's new team. "We would never have refused someone asking to play elsewhere, but they must be clear about it. It shouldn't be hidden," Semengue said yesterday.

Botafogo, the Rio de Janeiro-based club, expects to complete the purchase of the Brazil international forward, Bebeto, in an attempt to match the recent signing of his World Cup partner, Romario, by Flamengo, a Botafogo official said yesterday.

Bebeto is keen to return to Rio, where he made his name with Flamengo, but he will probably remain with Deportivo La Coruña until the end of the Spanish season, the Botafogo president, Carlos Augusto Montenegro, said. "We should have it all sorted out by May," Montenegro added. Bebeto would cost Botafogo about £2 million and would line up alongside Tulio, the joint leading scorer in the Brazilian championship last season.



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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 378

ACROSS
1 Avoid (6)
5 Plight; marinade (6)
8 Scorch; stream (4)
9 Dig up (systematically) (8)
10 Make small correction (to) (6)
12 Luxuriant, lavish (4)
15 Attractive person, situation (slang) (3.2.3.5)
16 Shed tears (4)
17 Dedicated adherent (6)
19 Artificially high voice (8)
21 Hit with foot (4)
22 Delay; robbery (4-2)
23 Wanting company (6)

DOWN
2 Brief news extract from speech (5.4)
3 Female fowl (3)
4 Small black/grey songbird, white underneath (8)
5 Ice-hockey 'ball' (4)
6 Tax grant for Royal expenses (5.4)
7 Fortune; chance selection (3)
11 Nem. con. (9)
13 Ball-shaped (9)
14 Fruit pressing used to cook in (5.3)
18 Close up; finish (4)
20 Fuss (3)
21 Know (dial.); extent of knowledge (3)

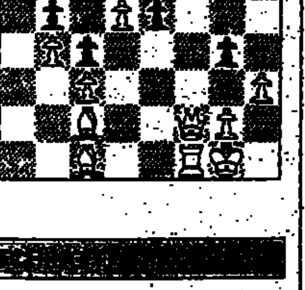
SOLUTION TO NO 377

ACROSS: 1 Bar-code 5 Slob 9 Tenet 10 Tsunami 11 Wine merchant 12 Wigwam 13 Hassle 16 Postprandial 19 Open-top 20 Uriah 21 Tree 22 Toyshop

DOWN: 1 Bite 2 Running 3 On the warpath 4 Esteem 6 Llama 7 Bristle 8 Punch and Judy 12 Wipe out 14 Slavish 15 Tapper 17 Sieve 18 Chip

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nunn - Short, Brussels 1986.
John Nunn has a fantastic score against Nigel Short. He has beaten Short on many occasions and never lost in a serious tournament game. How did he finish off the British number one in this position? White to play.



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By Philip Howard

PARACME
a. A spotty disease
b. Past one's prime
c. A circuit breaker

DENTILOQUY
a. An Alpine flower
b. A type of fine lace
c. Speaking through clenched teeth

GRAPHOLAGNIA
a. A type of brown coal
c. A heraldic breastplate
c. Love of dirty pictures

REGELATION
a. A midnight feast
b. Refreezing
c. An audit or inspection

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